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Nicole Kidman to play Dusty in Movie ?

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Posted - 29/04/2008 : 20:41:49

http://www.lemonwade.com/2008/04/29/dusty-trails-for-nicole-kidman/



Just saw this on Dustyville and had to post it.

~"Don't forget about me now baby"

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Will Wasn't born to follow

Posted - 29/04/2008 : 20:50:37

It'll be interesting to see if / how this progresses, Nancy.



Will http://www.mactastic.net/

..Sing, sweet nightingale, sing me a song of the night never ending.."

United Kingdom 7603 Posts

Baby Blue Where am I going?

Posted - 29/04/2008 : 21:03:28

Another one like Kristin Chenoweth? Same story it takes years of planning, blah, blah, blah.



Marty

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Posted - 29/04/2008 : 21:16:10

Writer Michael Cunningham knows from brilliant, troubled women.



In The Hours, he fleshed out the knotty interior region of two of the greats, one fictional (Mrs. Dalloway) and one real (Mrs. Dalloway's creator, bipolar writer Virginia Woolf). No wonder we were delighted when he told us last night, at the 2008 PEN gala at the Museum of Natural History, that he's writing the screenplay for a Fox 2000 biopic of brilliant, troubled sixties chanteuse Dusty Springfield, to be played by Nicole Kidman (who, natch, played his Virginia Woolf!).

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So what was the essence of Dusty he was trying to get across? "She was a great artist who no one knew what to do with," he said. "She was coming into her full powers at the same time the Beatles were," he said, adding that she suddenly found herself the purveyor of a dying torchy genre. "But she is clearly going into history with the Beatles and the Rolling Stones."

So would the biopic include the lonely years in exile from the U.K. in Hollywood, the drinking and the drugging, and the tortured bisexual/lesbian feelings that wove through her checkered career, which ended when she died of cancer in 1999? "Yeah," he promised. "It's the real Dusty." Plus, he told us, he was working on a new novel, but he'd divulge nothing save that he was 74 pages in. —Tim Murphy

Apparently this was i the New York Times.

~"Don't forget about me now baby"



**Mark**  
I've got a good thing  
★★★★★

Posted - 29/04/2008 : 21:22:10



I'm sure Nicole will do the role great justice, as she has in all her roles, she is an excellent Actress, though to be honest I dislike the term 'Queer Artiste' to describe our beloved Dusty

Mark



United Kingdom  
5309 Posts

**dusty\_freak**  
I've got a good thing  
★★★★★

Posted - 29/04/2008 : 21:30:56



Oh wow i didn't think it was true from reading the first article but after that second one, i think i believe it. How awesome if he did make this movie. It'd be interesting to see Nicole in the role, wonder how she would so?

Clare xoxo

"You know you've got it if it makes you feel good..."



Australia  
5805 Posts

**daydreamer**  
Moderator  
★★★★★

Posted - 29/04/2008 : 22:26:31



No!! Nicole Kidman is a fantastic actress but she's a 6ft tall Australian woman and looks absolutely nothing like Dusty. Ok, write all the screenplays you like and the guy might do a good job, but lets not just go for a name.....not again. I've been watching Kristin Chenoweth in Pushing Daisies and she's a squeaky voiced, spindly little thing. Can someone please show these people a picture of Dusty and let them listen to her speak, never mind sing. Still, it'll probably come to nowt like the rest of them.

Carole x

"The days have come and gone since you were here..."



**paula**  
Moderator  
★★★★★

Posted - 29/04/2008 : 22:37:39



I thought the same thing with the height factor..especially if Nicole potrays Dusty..she will have to wear similiar style of footwear that will certainly make her a giant.

Kristen C does have a squeaky voice which would be a bit annoying unless she really got her accent down..though she looks a little more like Dusty than Nicole.

In the end..whoever it is..they better not sing!

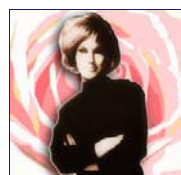
paula x



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**allherfaces**  
Administrator  
★★★★★

Posted - 29/04/2008 : 22:52:02



I don't know what I think of this, to be honest. I haven't been able to wrap my head around it yet.

Mark, "queer" isn't meant to have a negative association in that context.

~"Don't forget about me now baby"



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**Hampson**  
I've got a good thing  
★★★★★

Posted - 29/04/2008 : 23:01:39

I agree with Carole, she's a fine actress but nothing like Dusty.

Wendy



United Kingdom  
4703 Posts

**insomniacafe**  
I'll try anything  
★★

Posted - 29/04/2008 : 23:16:11

I'm not keen on biopics as a whole, I must admit. Usually too much artistic license is taken, and anyway, why would I want to watch someone else pretend to be Dusty on the screen when I can slip in the BBC DVD and see the wonderful woman herself?



The only thing to gain from a biopic would be to delve into Dusty's private life which by most accounts she was intensely protective of. I've certainly no desire to pry. I don't think dying should mean you automatically forfeit your rights to privacy.

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Michael

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I've been dreaming up a storm lately.



**allherfaces**  
Administrator  
★★★★★

Posted - 29/04/2008 : 23:24:35

Well, I daresay that her privacy has already been invaded by the likes of DWD and the Southbank Show. If her story were told respectfully and honestly, that would be a step up, and the bottom line is always, would it turn more people onto her music. We all know Dusty was the greatest, but so many people are missing that.



Michael Cunningham isn't chopped liver, either IMHO.

~"Don't forget about me now baby"



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**Baby Blue**  
Where am I going?  
★★★

Posted - 30/04/2008 : 00:47:56

I always had mixed feelings about a Dusty movie. If it is done well, I am in favor of it. Note I said IF!!! I have seen two bio flicks that were fantastic "Coal Miners's Daughter" and "Selina". Although Selina was never the huge hit that Coal Miner's Daughter was, I really think it's an excellent movie and I know several people that have seen it and agree with me. BTW, the family insisted that Selina MUST do the singing voice in the movie. Good for them. Wouldn't it be wonderful, if a Dusty movie turns into an Oscar winning production. Our gal would turn into a "household" name. In truth and to be perfectly honest, somehow I just don't see that happening.



I also agree I don't like the term Dusty Springfield, "The Queer Artiste". Can you imagine that being the title of the film? I am sure Dusty must be cringing up there.

Once again I have to say that Kristin can sing and I do believe she is talented enough to get the accent down and hopefully come close to Dusty's speaking voice. That is asking for a lot, isn't it?

This movie does sound a bit like DWD in the silver screen. I hope not. One good thing about a movie is that it will introduce Dusty to so many people who just don't get it, as of yet.

I am not that worried about the facial features, this is Hollywood and a good make-up artist can do miracles. As for the height, hmmm, can't

exactly chop a few inches of Nicole Kidman, can we!

No one has mentioned as of yet who will do the singing if Nicole Kidman version does come to be.

I have even thought about our Katy Setterfield playing Dusty on film. Once again a bit of Hollywood make up would do the trick.

Marty



**daydreamer**

Moderator  
★★★★★

Posted - 30/04/2008 : 07:22:27

A few other people's opinions.....



[http://hollywood-elsewhere.com/2008/04/dusty\\_trails.php](http://hollywood-elsewhere.com/2008/04/dusty_trails.php)

Carole x

"The days have come and gone since you were here..."



United Kingdom  
5404 Posts

**Baby Blue**

Where am I going?  
★★★

Posted - 30/04/2008 : 07:37:56

Thanks for the link Carole; can't say I'm very impressed with the video link.



Marty

Edited by - Baby Blue on 30/04/2008 17:11:28



USA  
3185 Posts

**Cas19**

Wasn't born to follow  
★★★★★

Posted - 30/04/2008 : 09:01:46

quote:

*Originally posted by daydreamer*

A few other people's opinions.....

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Carole x

"The days have come and gone since you were here..."

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Kidman, sorry, no way! Kirsten H Smith....a cross between a drag queen and a gospel singer....and whats with the Al Jolson hand movements.... i found myself wishing the wig would fall off....again...no way 🙄

Casx



'Something in your eyes'



**Mads**

Where am I going?  
★★★

Posted - 30/04/2008 : 09:22:06

Oh god, not Nicole Kidman. Anyone but Nicole Kidman. They'd have to do a Tom Cruise and dig a trench in the floor for starters! AND she's got too strong of an accent, and so does Dusty for them to ever sound similar, AND she cant even really act all that well (IMHO!)



I'm all for supporting Australians...so I vote **TAMSIN BLOODY CARROLL** for



the role!

Australia  
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**LOVE MADS.**



**Hampson**  
I've got a good thing  
★★★★★

Posted - 30/04/2008 : 09:32:54

Well from what I've seen of Tamsin, she's the best one so far. It is going to be incredibly hard to cast Dusty, let's face it.



Wendy



United Kingdom  
4703 Posts

**dusty\_freak**  
I've got a good thing  
★★★★★

Posted - 30/04/2008 : 11:11:02

quote:

*Originally posted by Mads*

I'm all for supporting Australians...so I vote **TAMSIN BLOODY CARROLL** for the role!

**LOVE MADS.**



Australia  
5805 Posts

Totally what i thought at first, Tamsin is clearly the best person ever to play Dusty. Uh Nicole Kidman, yeah im not so sure 😬

Clare xoxo

"You know you've got it if it makes you feel good..."



**Baby Blue**  
Where am I going?  
★★★

Posted - 30/04/2008 : 11:20:01

Tamsin Carroll amazingly looks like Dusty; but I just don't think she sounds like her from all the Utube clips I have seen, IMHO.



Marty



USA  
3185 Posts

**dusty\_freak**  
I've got a good thing  
★★★★★

Posted - 30/04/2008 : 11:25:51

She sounds better in real life 🍏



Clare xoxo

"You know you've got it if it makes you feel good..."



Australia  
5805 Posts

**Mads**  
Where am I going?  
★★★

Posted - 30/04/2008 : 11:51:30

If they were to make a movie...I really hope they use the original music! It will never be as good without Dusty's voice 😞



**LOVE MADS.**



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**allherfaces**  
Administrator  
★★★★★



USA  
14235 Posts

Posted - 30/04/2008 : 12:49:24

quote:

*Originally posted by daydreamer*

A few other people's opinions.....

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Carole x  
"The days have come and gone since you were here..."

Oh heavens, that clip was just awful. Who do you fire first, the wigmaker, the voice coach, or the gesture coach? She can sing, but nothing like Dusty; the gestures I could do better at myself; the wig looks like something Barbie would reject. Thumbs down. 🙄

~"Don't forget about me now baby"



**boztiggs**  
Where am I going?  
★★★



United Kingdom  
3367 Posts

Posted - 30/04/2008 : 12:55:57

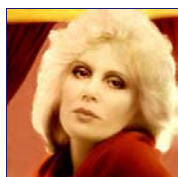
oh i dont know why they are even bothering at all, no one will ever pull it off in a way that people would ever really "get" dusty from, at least not in a film, and, if i were to be really honest, id prefer it if nobody even tried to.

Neil

" Here in the gloom, of my lonely room, i hold his photograph and pray ill see him soon oh-oh"



**Tim**  
Where am I going?  
★★★



United Kingdom  
3422 Posts

Posted - 30/04/2008 : 12:57:57

Agree - impossible task

'Ooh my goodness meeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee..!'



**allherfaces**  
Administrator  
★★★★★



USA  
14235 Posts

Posted - 30/04/2008 : 13:00:37

What would be best is a first class two-hour documentary, but I suppose they don't think they could make any big money from that.

Mads, the best role I ever saw Nicole Kidman in was a comedy--To Die For--do you know it? A satire on the true story of the high school teacher who put her student lover up to killing her husband. But I digress...

~"Don't forget about me now baby"



**Tim**  
Where am I going?  
★★★



Posted - 30/04/2008 : 13:28:05

Yes and what they CAN make the big money from are the personal aspects that we really don't need blown up out of context any more than they already have been.

Somebody will do it sooner or later but I just hope that it's a sympathetic



United Kingdom  
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portrait. Dusty was after all a lovely person with a lot of personal sh\*t that it took her whole life to work through. Sure she behaved badly toward other people and to herself at times. But that was her pain talking - a film's going to focus on all that and dig it up and hurt a lot of people. Either that or it will be so saccharine as to be irrelevant to posterity.

Without her voice and face - it just won't come across how brilliant an artist she was. Noone can mimic her - they would have to BE her really. People like Katy can emulate something of her singing voice but not her character. And I defy anyone to get her speaking voice - it's totally unique.

I know - LULU can play her - she knew her REALLY well..

LOL

'Ooh my goodness meeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee..!'



**Mads**

Where am I going?  
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Posted - 30/04/2008 : 13:29:55



Australia  
3323 Posts

Oh christ! I just gave that clip one minute and was pulling my hair out! That was shocking!

I for one do Dusty's accent better - and thats saying something!!! I've seen idiots at my school act more convincingly, and she sounds like she's singing a pop song in an opera style!  
EWWWWW

Sorry to be so crude, but its a good thing Dusty was cremated because she would be rolling in her grave! 🙄

Sorry Nancy, I havent seen To Die For.

**LOVE MADS.**



**Mads**

Where am I going?  
☆☆☆

Posted - 30/04/2008 : 13:31:11



Australia  
3323 Posts

quote:

*Originally posted by Tim*

I know - LULU can play her - she knew her REALLY well..

LOL

'Ooh my goodness meeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee..!'

AHA too right!

**LOVE MADS.**



**insomniacafe**

I'll try anything  
☆☆

Posted - 30/04/2008 : 13:45:28



Netherlands  
1509 Posts

quote:

*Originally posted by allherfaces*

What would be best is a first class two-hour documentary, but I suppose they don't think they could make any big money from that.

I'd love to see that - something like 'No Direction Home', combining interviews with archive footage and other stuff to put everything in context. Certainly wouldn't rake in big bucks at the box office, but then again they wouldn't be shelling out for Nicole Kidman either 😊

Michael

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I've been dreaming up a storm lately.



**dusty\_freak**  
I've got a good thing  
★★★★★

Posted - 30/04/2008 : 14:02:08



Australia  
5805 Posts

quote:

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*Originally posted by Tim*

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'Ooh my goodness meeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee..!'

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Yeah i really don't think its a good idea hey. No Dusty film is ever gonna make us fans happy coz no one will be able to do it properly. It was risky enough just doing the musical which some p