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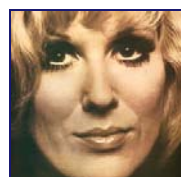
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memphisinlondon

Where am I going?



Posted - 16/02/2009 : 01:13:37



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Brian has given us a heads up about the Motown night on BBC4 in the UK on Friday. I've just programmed my recorder. There is a documentary too: **Legends : The Motown Invasion**. The focus is the 1964 UK tour (as Brian told us) and the Ready Steady Go special. I'm assuming Dusty will be featured so I'm posting this here. Is this a repeat? The Legends series was screened a while back; I don't recall seeing one about Motown.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00hq4qt>

The blurb:

'Documentary revealing what made Motown special though the lens of two decisive moments in 1965 - the Motown Revue UK tour and the Sounds of Motown Ready Steady Go! TV Special.

Arriving in London in March 1965, the Supremes, Martha and the Vandellas, Smokey Robinson and Stevie Wonder were bussed across Britain on a tough but crucial tour.

The TV special, recorded during the tour, kicked open the door, thrusting Motown's slick routines and magical music into front rooms across the nation.'

Memphis

Ever since we met...

Posted - 16/02/2009 : 03:43:20

spooky

Little by little



USA
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Wish I could see this one! It'll be interesting to see what kind of focus they put on Dusty's advocacy. It's about time that this story from 1965 entered the pantheon of "day the world changed" moments, right along with the Beatles appearance on Ed Sullivan.

Thanks for posting, memphis.

Annie

warten und hoffen...



daydreamer

Moderator



Posted - 16/02/2009 : 07:36:10



United Kingdom
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Thanks for the heads up Memphis. If Dave Clark has relented and allowed the Sounds of Motown to be shown, that's brilliant! He wouldn't allow any clips to be used when Serena Cross made the documentary on Dusty, so this is a turnaround. I agree Annie, I hope there is focus on the part that Dusty played. Looking forward to the whole night.

Carole x

"There's a part of you that's a part of me..."



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Posted - 16/02/2009 : 09:17:42

You're welcome.



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I was hoping the producers would've consulted Annie. It's a shame that they didn't.

I'm also hoping this documentary signals that the RSG shows including the Motown special will be released on DVD sometime soon. As usual, I'm not holding my breath.

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Posted - 16/02/2009 : 09:23:54

Brian

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[quote]Originally posted by daydreamer

If Dave Clark has relented and allowed the Sounds of Motown to be shown, that's brilliant!

In a recent interview by Dave Clark in Record Collector he said he WOULD release all the RSG stuff but 'at this time the way the market is it's not yet right'. PERHAPS the time IS right now?...especially with the Motown 50 celebrations.

Brian



Posted - 16/02/2009 : 14:32:14

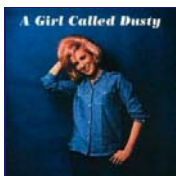
Cardiff Bluesgirl

I'll try anything



Dave Clark should just do it dont you think??

"every day I find your'e in my heart and on my mind" liz mason



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Posted - 16/02/2009 : 14:48:48

paula

Moderator



yes I do, Elizabeth. There should be clips of Dusty in the doc since she was involved with bringing the Motown artists to 'RSG'. I was just having this conversation with Lu's brother and friend last night..we were talking about music in general and of course, Dusty came up in the conversation...her influence with bringing Motown to the UK..they were interested to hear that as they are somewhat familiar with her but not really. Maybe if there are recorded copies around....? 😊

paula x



USA
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Posted - 16/02/2009 : 17:26:35

Will

Wasn't born to follow



Cheers for that Memph - the weekend supplement I read mentioned the 'Legends' show but gave no details on what it contained so I'm glad to read this.

Will

"..you're in my heart and on my mind.."

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Posted - 16/02/2009 : 19:13:26

Rob

Administrator



Thanks Memphis

R 😊 B



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Posted - 16/02/2009 : 23:13:06



I hope Nancy comes around. There's now a photo on the BBC link (see first post). I'm sure she'll like it. 😊

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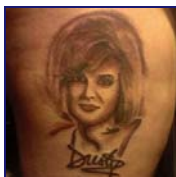


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jodiewafer

Little by little
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Posted - 20/02/2009 : 22:24:51



Just watched the Motown Invasion doc and I am so disappointed. Mentions/footage of Dusty only equated to about 2 1/2 minutes. She deserved so much more than that considering the integral part she played in the Motown Invasion. I expected more from the doc. Grrr! Anyone else agree?

love Jodie
xxx



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Brian

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Posted - 20/02/2009 : 22:50:37



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love Jodie
xxx

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I've posted my thoughts on another thread!...however I understand your frustration Jodie - we would have all liked more of Dusty - but they only had an hour for both the tour and the tv - there was so much to cram in. The story could easily be made into a 'series'!! All in all I think they did well.

Brian



daydreamer

Moderator
★★★★★

Posted - 20/02/2009 : 22:56:16



I was getting worried as the programme moved through that there wouldn't be credit given to Dusty but with Madeline, Vicki and Martha on there, I still held out hope. 😊 Dusty was given the credit for if not bringing Motown to Britain, then at least for bringing them into our living rooms after the not too successful tour. Not a lot of Dusty footage, which was a shame considering they did have access to the RSG! show, but at least we got more than we did on the Brits the other night! Too much time was spent on fans recollections and repetitive footage, which is a problem with so many documentaries.

Carole x

"There's a part of you that's a part of me..."



Carole R.

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Posted - 20/02/2009 : 23:04:08



I was also getting stressed out that Dusty wasn't gonna get her proper dues.

Anyway, Just as This Old heart of mine was gonna burst with frustration... Dusty appeared. 😊



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She was given due credit and we were told that If Dusty hadn't agreed to host the Motown Show, then it would never have been shown.

Dusty's excellent taste in music won out, and instead of only hearing the Motown songs in the clubs and on Pirate radio stations..
Motown came into our front rooms via RSG and we never looked back. 🇬🇧🇬🇪

Carole R xx

"Let everyone debate the true reality, I'd rather see the World the way it used to be"

Edited by - Carole R. on 20/02/2009 23:06:40



Ruth

I start counting

📅 Posted - 20/02/2009 : 23:42:04 🗨️

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Motowns friend that show of course gave the Mowtowners more exposure than 10 years on a sweaty tour bus ever could.... Success in Britain **is** owed to Dusty *and the RSG Special*. No doubt ! 🇬🇧

Rx



memphisinlondon

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This is a repeat of a post to Brian's thread. I admit I felt a bit of stress. I was thinking 'but we're more than half way through. When is Dusty coming on? Don't you DARE not mention her!'

I agree totally with Brian except unfortunately I couldn't be at the shows in ~~1964~~ 1965. I came in late tonight after a 10.5 hour day at work. I was so tired. But the Legends documentary was superb and it woke me up in the best way. I was sitting upright just taking it all in. It was terrific! Claudette Robinson looked fantastic. What is she on? The Elixir of Life? I'm finally starting to realise how exciting Martha and the Vandellas were and how impressive the Supremes were too. And how amazingly gifted Stevie was. I felt like I was there!

I thought the RSG Motown special was on during the tour and that after it was shown the Motown artists played to full houses. Not so. Despite the Baby Love No. 1 the tour was a flop and the Special was screened after it had ended. I didn't know Georgie Fame had been drafted in to lend UK credibilty to the tour.

What a fascinating documentary. Down to Mary Wilson's observations on the class divide in Britain, 'blood pie', sherry and the marketing of Motown. Martha's remembrances of a shot gun in a Southern States gas station, and, Guinness and slot machine gas meters in the UK. And Sir Paul McCartney's related observations about class and segregation, and, the friendly competition between the Beatles and Motown. Madeline Bell spoke too about Dusty and the poor living conditions in the UK. The memoires of the fans were priceless (Brian - you should have been on too). One fan was picked up by the friendly Supremes in their limousine!

Martha acknowledged the importance of Dusty's RSG show. She said before that no-one had heard of the Supremes or the Miracles and afterwards all the Motown artists had UK hits. But I have to note that 'Baby Love' had been a No. 1 in the UK in 1964.

Vicki Wickham and Dusty both deserve tremendous credit for the 'Sound Of Motown'. This documentary placed this in its' context and gave that credit but took care not to overshadow the cultural/artistic/musical revolution that was Motown. It was the Brian Epstein produced 1966 Nov 13th show that blew the walls down but that was easy. In 1965 Dusty and Vicki had already kicked the door in and pushed Motown through it. The best music documentary I've seen for a long time.

Memphis

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PS I keep posting that the Motown tour was in 1964. Duh!

Edited by - memphisinlondon on 23/02/2009 00:34:01



paula
Moderator
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Posted - 21/02/2009 : 00:12:56



thanks for the review, Memphis...it sounds great.
paula x



USA
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★★★

Posted - 21/02/2009 : 00:23:01



Hey Paula. Happy Birthday again! I'm going to try to get DVD recordings to Nancy and Annie. You must see this. If you can access the BBCi player from the US you can see it now. Please let me know if you can access this.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00hq4qt/Legends_The_Motown_Invasion/

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Memphis
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paula
Moderator
★★★★★

Posted - 21/02/2009 : 02:23:28



thanks Memphis..I can see the site but it says that it is available to UK only. I can probably persuade Bosseh to copy it for me. 😊 thanks

paula x



USA
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Posted - 21/02/2009 : 17:53:33



Yes, please send DVD, Memphis! Thanks for the reviews and comments everyone. It's so interesting to see how the history is shaped by the producers of such documentaries.

Good weekend to all,

Annie

warten und hoffen...



USA
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insomniacafe
I'll try anything
★★

Posted - 21/02/2009 : 18:13:29



I can put the show up on rapidshare/megaupload if anyone would like that.

Michael

Let's pretend we're cats instead of people and go roll around and scratch an old latch hook rug together.



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paula
Moderator
★★★★★

Posted - 21/02/2009 : 19:32:44

hey Michael...that would be very generous of you and yes I would like that 😊



paula x



USA
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paula
Moderator
★★★★★

Posted - 19/03/2009 : 23:30:01



USA
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I finally got the chance to watch this video the other night and really enjoyed it. The recollections from the mix of Motown artists along with the Motown UK fans was great. Memphis, I have to agree with your favorite spots in the show..the fan who ran after the Supremes car as it was driving away, until they stopped and picked him up & brought him back to the hotel. 😊 Martha V's excitement on being invited to the Lord & Lady's (can't remember who) very luxurious home & her first Guinness ..but not her last. 😊 Mary Wilson's description of England from the food to the tour. Man, doesn't Mary Wilson look fabulous!

They all seemed to have such a clear memory of the events from the tour and that it was such a life experience for them.

I was starting to wonder where Dusty was when BANG..the tour had not been very successful, lots of empty seats in the concert halls and then the the Motown Revue RSG special seemed like such a high. Wow, that show looked so amazing, It would be really great if the whole episode could be released in its entirety. I LOVED watching Dusty in the last clip of the RSG show when Smokey R. brought out all the performers for the last number...there was Dusty dancing in the middle of the stage..loving it all...ah it was great.

One question..I'm a little confused on if Marvin Gaye was on that tour?? I think I have seen some clips w/ him on RSG and then not sure 😊 some really wonderful footage of him that I have never viewed before.

So, thank you Memphis for sharing that..appreciate it 😊

paula x



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Posted - 19/03/2009 : 23:50:10



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You're welcome, Paula. I kinda thought you would like it. 😊

Yeah! You really get a sense of the times and that the artists weren't yet superstars and kind of amazed by the state of Britain. And then you get the flashes of the Southern States of the USA too. What a time! And Dusty is so great! Come on Dave Clark. Release the DVD before I pop me clogs!

Marvin wasn't on this tour but he did play Ready Steady Go later on. I'm not an expert on RSG tho'. I just looked up Marvin and RSG on Google!

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mssdusty
I've got a good thing
★★★★★

Posted - 20/03/2009 : 00:25:46



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😞 IT DIDNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN'T WORK FOR ME 😞
COULDN'T SEE A THING 😞
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THE LOOK OF LOVE IS IN YOUR EYES!
Watch my video with Dusty on YouTube!

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