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[Radio 4 Play Dusty in South Africa](#)

■ by [andyp](#) » Sun Feb 10, 2013 2:06 am

Not sure if I have posted this in the right section, but on Radio 4 on Feb 12 @ 2.15pm London time there is a play on Radio 4 about Dusty's time in South Africa. I can't listen to it because it is in the early hours in my part of the world, but you in the UK and possibly the US can pick it up on line if necessary. Might try to get a sound recording of it from somewhere.

Andyp

[andyp](#)

I'll try anything



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[Re: Radio 4 Play Dusty in South Africa](#)

■ by [Cas19](#) » Sun Feb 10, 2013 5:17 pm

If I can I will listen in Andy, thank you for the heads up.

Casx

Something in your eyes



[Cas19](#)

All I see is you



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[Re: Radio 4 Play Dusty in South Africa](#)

■ by [davdreamer](#) » Sun Feb 10, 2013 5:31 pm

This likely is the right thread for it to be Andy but there is another one going here as well. Looking forward to it.

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

Carole x



[daydreamer](#)

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[Re: Radio 4 Play Dusty in South Africa](#)

■ by [pat.dunham](#) » Tue Feb 12, 2013 3:27 pm

Just listened to "Dusty wont play". Thought it quite good except I don't think they made it clear that she did manage 5 out of 7 shows. Other than that they stuck to the facts. I liked Charlie Brooks as Dusty, when I heard she was playing D I thought it would be a good choice. I wonder what Dougie thinks.

What do you think?

I'd rather see the world the way it used to be.....

..I'm goin' back.

Pat x



[pat.dunham](#)

Can I get a witness



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[Re: Radio 4 Play Dusty in South Africa](#)

■ by [karen](#) » Tue Feb 12, 2013 4:06 pm

The interview by Dusty re this in 1964 ..

Dusty Springfield's boycott of South Africa in 1964



[karen](#)

I only want to be with you



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[Re: Radio 4 Play Dusty in South Africa](#)

by [Carole R.](#) » Tue Feb 12, 2013 4:17 pm

I wasn't clear on all the facts and figures regarding the South Africa trip, just knew that Dusty had held out against playing to segregated audiences.

I admired her for sticking to her principles on that.

As regards the radio play, I wasn't made much the wiser..

I like Charlie Brooke's and I love Dusty, obviously..

However I didn't think Charlie sounded like Dusty at all, and I think the whole thing was put over in a confused way.

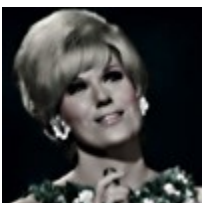
I mean if I, as a fan, got confused, how would it have sounded to an ordinary Radio 4 listener? 🤔

Upside was the music clips 📱👍

Overall, my opinion was that...It was slightly disappointing.

Carole R xx

"Nothing is forever, always is a dream."



[Carole R.](#)

Wasn't born to follow



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[Re: Radio 4 Play Dusty in South Africa](#)

by [karen](#) » Tue Feb 12, 2013 4:19 pm

Felt exactly the same about this Carole , and Charlie ?? well no Dusty here . like you said would have been confusing for some ..music clips helped us get through it 😊🎵



[karen](#)

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[Re: Radio 4 Play Dusty in South Africa](#)

by [daydreamer](#) » Tue Feb 12, 2013 4:38 pm

I had to concentrate really hard with those strange accents going on! It was confusing, and I had to get over that Charlie wasn't a very convincing Dusty and just try and follow the story. I'm sure most of it was factual as Douggie was consulted and much of it we already had heard about before. I've never been into radio drama at all, it just seems a strange thing to do, sitting gazing into the distance whilst listening 😞 I didn't like that Dusty was bullied and not allowed phone calls but I didn't find Charlie's dramatisation of Dusty very good, she made her seem glib and sort of shallow and we know she wasn't. That could have been the fault of the script. In fact Dusty was very young and must have been quite scared, which did come across sometimes but maybe not enough. I liked the dialogue around the workers removing their caps for her, it was important to include that. Even with it's faults, it's good that they brought this to the attention of people who may not ever have heard about it. It just could have been better I think.

I wonder if she really sent a telegram that said "I think the gents here don't like dancing in the streets very much. Love and giggles, Mary"?

One musical error, Little by Little came a year later 🤨

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

Carole x



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[Re: Radio 4 Play Dusty in South Africa](#)

by [darren2722](#) » Tue Feb 12, 2013 6:24 pm

Agree with most of what's already been said 😊👍 Also I didn't feel the tension of the situation and never really felt that Dusty, Vic and the band were in that much danger in this play. Still a good effort and pleasing that Dusty is still in the public eye in 2013.

Here's the link for anyone who missed it.<http://www.bbc.co.uk/i/b01qj92r/>
I Couldn't Ask For More



[darren2722](#)

Someone who cares



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[Re: Radio 4 Play Dusty in South Africa](#)

by [Chrispld](#) » Thu Feb 14, 2013 1:00 pm

Listened to the play about Dusty. Found it quite interesting. Put off by the fact that the actress playing Dusty was Janine from EastEnders.! Kept having a picture of her in my head every time she spoke!

ChrisP.



[Chrispld](#)

Little by little



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[Re: Radio 4 Play Dusty in South Africa](#)

by [IWannaBeABluesSinger](#) » Thu Feb 14, 2013 1:38 pm

daydreamer wrote: I wonder if she really sent a telegram that said "I think the gents here don't like dancing in the streets very much. Love and giggles, Mary"?

Yes she did Carole. It was her coded way of telling Vicki that all was not going well.

Maggie



[IWannaBeABluesSinger](#)

I've got a good thing



Posts: 1681

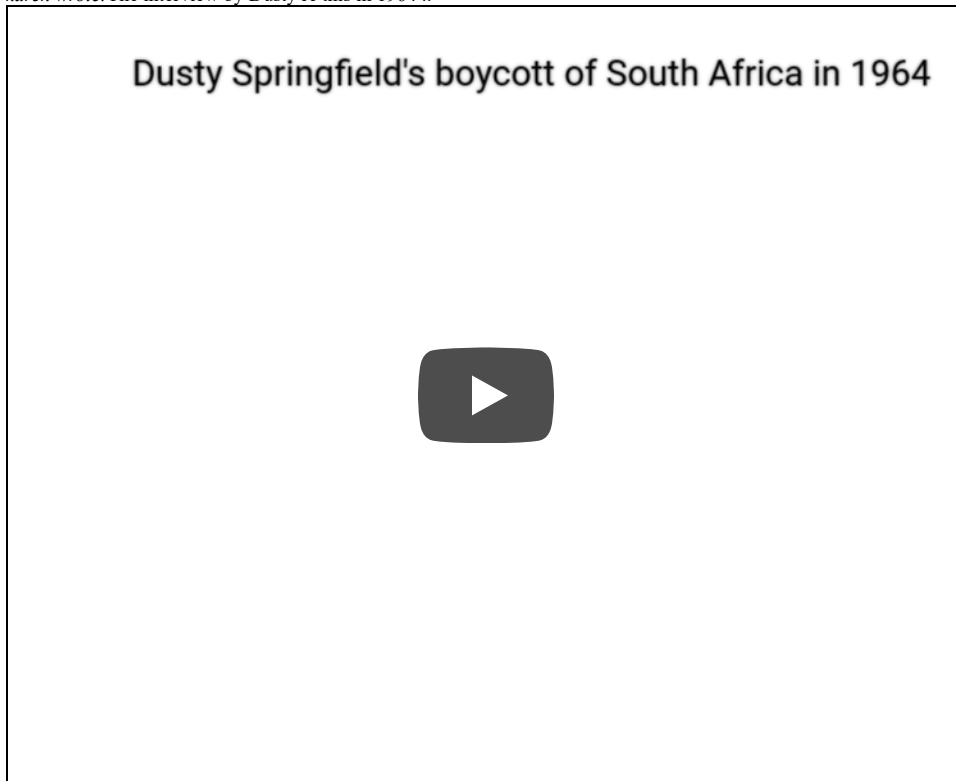
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[Re: Radio 4 Play Dusty in South Africa](#)

by [IWannaBeABluesSinger](#) » Thu Feb 14, 2013 6:43 pm

karen wrote: The interview by Dusty re this in 1964 ..



The narration says "Faced with a sea of white faces Dusty rebelled" and left the country. It makes her seem like a twit - "No, I won't sing for any of you, so there".

The whole point of the story is that she was expelled, not that she was some sort petulant diva.

Maggie



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[Re: Radio 4 Play Dusty in South Africa](#)

by [kellymuses](#) » Fri Feb 15, 2013 8:47 am

Chrispld wrote: Listened to the play about Dusty. Found it quite interesting. Put off by the fact that the actress playing Dusty was Janine from EastEnders.! Kept having a picture of her in my head every time she spoke.!

ChrisP.

Oh, good lord! Really? I'm listening to it now and all I can see is Janine's face. 
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I'll try anything
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[Re: Radio 4 Play Dusty in South Africa](#)

by [darren2722](#) » Mon Feb 18, 2013 9:11 am

kellymuses wrote:

Chrispld wrote: Listened to the play about Dusty. Found it quite interesting. Put off by the fact that the actress playing Dusty was Janine from EastEnders. Kept having a picture of her in my head every time she spoke!

ChrisP.

Oh, good lord! Really? I'm listening to it now and all I can see is Janine's face. 🙄👉👈

🙄 Even Dusty's first line in the play evokes memories of EastEnders when she says "Honestly Pat I tried both these (wigs)...."

On a serious note I've just had another listen, and for me personally it's a great deal better the second time around, you get used to the accents and they aren't as jarring as when hearing them for the first time. 🙄

Also I erred in a previous post when I said there was little or no tension in the play, the scene in the taxi towards the end when the group are trying to get to the airport for me is very tense, and the other scenes with the officials hint at the menace, and the danger Dusty and the band must have been in. 🙄

🙄
If you've got the time have another listen
I Couldn't Ask For More



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[Re: Radio 4 Play Dusty in South Africa](#)

by [kellymuses](#) » Mon Feb 18, 2013 9:52 pm

Thanks for the tip, Darren. I'll take another listen. BTW, I thought I heard a rumor that the actress (can't remember her name) is returning to Eastenders. Follow me on Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/kellyreiterman>



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