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[Should Dusty have done a TV special?](#)

■ by [Clive](#) » Sun Jan 01, 2012 10:49 am

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[Re: Should Dusty have done a TV special?](#)

■ by [IWannaBeAbluesSinger](#) » Sun Jan 01, 2012 8:16 pm

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At that point in time, and in her career, if you think of all the former Motown artists that were around I would have loved to see something long the lines of MOTOWN PRESENTS DUSTY. It would have enabled her to exercise her R&B abilities in the right setting and could have given her career the boost it needed.

Then imagine them all going on the road together. That's the audience she wanted to reach and that would have done it.

Maggie



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I've got a good thing



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[Re: Should Dusty have done a TV special?](#)

by [al14](#) » Sun Jan 01, 2012 10:18 pm

Maggie, that would have been a great idea! Dusty really needed a boost from the get-go to get her career on track in the US and Motown would have been the answer.

Clive, to add to MOTOWN PRESENTS DUSTY, I would have Aretha Franklin and The Four Tops as Special Guests.

al

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I'll try anything



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[Re: Should Dusty have done a TV special?](#)

by [mnmcv1](#) » Tue Jan 03, 2012 7:21 am

if you look at some of the names around 1972 who had either Variety TV specials or regular series, the answer is YES, i think Dusty definitely could've landed one.

The Motown idea is actually a good one, Maggie. I don't know how well the idea of a concept for the entire special would've flown, but at the very least her Detroit contemporaries could've come on for a performance- Martha and the Vandellas doing "Bless You", or the Ross-less Supremes singing "Floy Joy", the Tempts doing "Papa Was a Rolling Stone", etc.

-markus

Everyday of my life, is fresh as morning dew...



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[Re: Should Dusty have done a TV special?](#)

by [Clive](#) » Wed Jan 04, 2012 9:18 am

Thanks Maggie, Al and Markus for your replies.

Your guest ideas would certainly have pleased Dusty and given her confidence.

I think Dusty would have been instinctively against an "I've Arrived" TV special, maybe feeling it would put extra pressure on her , however I think it would have been the right thing to do and good for her visibility in the US.
She definitely would have risen to the challenge.

Although she had a new high profile manager , with hindsight I think his advice for Dusty was disasterous for her professionally and personally .



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[Re: Should Dusty have done a TV special?](#)

by [Corinna](#) » Wed Jan 04, 2012 9:55 am

I, too, like the Motown idea. 😊

Another idea would have been a TV Special with Burt Bacharach and/or Carole King, since Dusty sang so many of their songs.

Although she had a new high profile manager , with hindsight I think his advice for Dusty was disasterous for her professionally and personally .

Sadly, I believe we all agree on that.... 😞
Cor xx

*Dusty Springfield, that's a pretty name
Pretty as a pearl
What a pretty girl*



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[Re: Should Dusty have done a TV special?](#)

by [jeffery](#) » Sat Feb 18, 2012 2:08 am

😬 I had a lot to say, but with a single key stroke lost all the foul things I just said about *VH-1*.
Their list: "100 Greatest Women In Music" doesn't even mention Dusty.

She never made a music video ? 😬 REALLY ?

She never influenced anyone ? 😬 REALLY ?

No one noticed her accomplishments spanning 3 decades. 😬 REALLY ?

None of those 100 performers ever hummed the melody *Son Of A Preacherman* 😬 REALLY ?

And at the top of their list: Madonna ! 😬 REALLY ?



" The man with the child in his eyes ".... Jeffery



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