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## Stage play starring virtual Dusty

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172231)

by **Hampson** » Sun May 24, 2015 9:26 am

*trek007 wrote:*

I'm not saying it will not be enjoyable Claudia.

However if I had phoned Ticketmaster and asked them to change my tickets to another row they would have said NO ...no exchange or refunds, yet they can make changes when it suits them 🙄

Good job you didn't book K Pat or you would have been moved...lol

Yes Trek they are totally intransigent when it comes to us changing things, but they can do just as they like. I wonder what would happen if you said you didn't want that row and needed a refund. It's typical London treatment in my opinion. I find them very difficult with anything I go to in London. The officialdom is second to nowhere.

Wend

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172241)

by **trek007** » Sun May 24, 2015 10:26 am

Thank you for your understanding comments Wend and Liz. I can get abit claustrophobic too so only hope all will be okay.

I had an email from Ticketmaster yesterday thanking me for my booking!! Not sure what they are on about as I haven't made a booking since the original one ages ago....think I'd better check my bank account !!!

They are the ones making the changes.

Ticketmaster are confused .com 🙄

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172245)

by **dusty nut** » Sun May 24, 2015 11:40 am

TREK, IF YOU CAN'T COPE WITH WHERE YOUR SEAT IS, PROVIDED I CAN STRETCH MY LEGS A BIT YOU CAN HAVE MY SEAT.I'M AT THE END OF A ROW. X

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172282)**

by **trek007** » Sun May 24, 2015 4:37 pm

I'm not going until August Lynn....not the same day or month as you....but ta for the offer.

I will cope I'm sure once it starts and Dusty comes on! 😊

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172285)**

by **dusty nut** » Sun May 24, 2015 4:43 pm

AH WELL, HOPEFULLY ALL WILL BE WELL TREK 🙏

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172302)**

by **RenegadesEPC** » Sun May 24, 2015 9:00 pm

It's still a shame to hear about Ticketmaster moving your seat around, Trek. I'm sure it will work out! Maybe it will be a better view - never know when you could have gotten stuck sitting behind a giraffe!! 😊

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172339)**

by **trek007** » Mon May 25, 2015 3:43 pm

Tonights show has apparently been cancelled at the last minute .

Carole R went down to London yesterday to see this cancelled show!!  
I've just phoned her to tell her the bad news.

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172340)**

by **karen** » Mon May 25, 2015 4:22 pm

This is really sad news and do feel so sorry for Carole going to London and now nothing to look forward to .. 😞

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172341)**

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Mon May 25, 2015 4:34 pm

So sorry to hear this and such a shame for people like Carole who have travelled and stayed over.

I see its saying its a technical hitch.

i do hope this can be sorted as its so late to cancel the very important preview.

Poor Dusty, she never has a straightforward run at anything.. 😞

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172343)

by [pat.dunham](#) » Mon May 25, 2015 4:46 pm

Sorry for all those booked for tonight especially if travel and hotels are involved. 🗨️  
That is what previews are all about prior to official First Night. You pay your money and take the risk that a performance will not be cancelled or curtailed for all sorts of reasons. The whole Company will no doubt be disappointed. Let's hope the techies can sort out the problem and a long and successful run will follow. 😊

Last edited by [pat.dunham](#) ([./memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=678](#)) on Mon May 25, 2015 7:21 pm, edited 1 time in total.

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172348)

by [FionaJ](#) » Mon May 25, 2015 7:18 pm

Yes let's hope and pray they get it sorted Pat. I bet they were absolutely gutted having to make the decision to cancel.

As you said it's such a terrible disappointment for those who've travelled down especially for tonight, I feel very sorry for them.

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172364)

by [RenegadesEPC](#) » Tue May 26, 2015 12:00 am

First the seat switching and now this?! 😡 What a shame - although, if it's technical difficulties, there wouldn't be a show without Dusty herself there! I'd be so very disappointed though, and I'm sure everyone that went today is even more so. My empathy goes out to all of those who went to the cancelled show. Let's hope the show itself makes up for it!! 😊 Maybe Dusty was just nervous to go on... 🙄

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172367)

by [Cas19](#) » Tue May 26, 2015 7:13 am

Tweeted by Ellie Ann Lowe, with thanks.

A truck on the Strand advertising the Dusty Show. Looking good.



Casx

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172375)**

by **dusty nut** » Tue May 26, 2015 10:00 am

IT'S FANTASTIC, I WOULD LOVE TO SEE IT MYSELF. MAYBE SATURDAY... 🍷❤️⭐️😊

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172383)**

by **dusty nut** » Tue May 26, 2015 12:28 pm

JUST IN CASE ANYONE HERE HAD BEEN PLANNING TO SEE THE SHOW TONIGHT, WORD FROM SIMON IS THAT IT HAS BEEN CANCELLED. 😞

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172389)**

by **dusty nut** » Tue May 26, 2015 2:09 pm

SORRY FOLKS, THE SHOW WILL NOT BE OPENING UNTIL FRIDAY.

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172398)**

by **trek007** » Tue May 26, 2015 6:39 pm

Fingers crossed that they can sort this out and that they can get Dusty singing as there is no sound at the moment!

Must be a nightmare for the producer and the technical people.  
I hope those going later this week get to see the show.

Such a shame that people who had got seats booked for Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday its so expensive for travel and hotels.

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172414)

by [dusty nut](#) » Wed May 27, 2015 6:30 am

THE LATEST WORD IS THAT FROM FRIDAY THE SHOW WILL GO ON! 🤖❤️⭐

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172423)

by [RenegadesEPC](#) » Wed May 27, 2015 12:16 pm

Great news! I bet Dusty was just nervous - guess they've convinced her to go on Friday! 😊 I hope those of you going will have an excellent time!

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172428)

by [FionaJ](#) » Wed May 27, 2015 9:45 pm

Thank you Claudia.....wish you were coming too 🤖

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172449)

by [RenegadesEPC](#) » Thu May 28, 2015 12:09 pm

Aww Fiona, me too! But luckily you get to go and you will tell me all about it! 😊 I am excited for you, I bet it will be amazing from the sound of it 😊

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172452)

by [dusty nut](#) » Thu May 28, 2015 1:19 pm

IT'S A SHAME THAT EVERYBODY CAN'T COME. WE WILL ALL BE POSTING AFTERWARDS I'M SURE. 🤖❤️🌸🌸🤖😊

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172481)

by [pat.dunham](#) » Fri May 29, 2015 3:52 pm

😊😊 According to a post on FB and Twitter this afternoon, the final dress rehearsal has been performed and everyone is looking forward to the premiere TONIGHT.

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See you there tomorrow! 🤖

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172483)

by [trek007](#) » Fri May 29, 2015 6:29 pm

Onwards and upwards...lets hope everything will now be coming up Dusty at Charing Cross! 😊

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172491)

by **pat.dunham** » Sat May 30, 2015 6:26 am

😊😊😊😊😊 It's a WOW, go to TheDustyShow.com, click on Twitter (you don't have to sign up) see short video of last nights curtain call. ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐



<http://www.thedustyshow.com/> (<http://www.thedustyshow.com/>)

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172492)

by **trek007** » Sat May 30, 2015 8:04 am

Great that it was great according to those who went last night. 😊

Hope everyone going tonight enjoys.

Please make some comments on Let's Talk Dusty as well as on Facebook!

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172495)

by **FionaJ** » Sat May 30, 2015 8:49 am

On the train to London.....I don't know when I was last this excited 😊

Can't wait to see Dusty 🙌, and so looking forward to meeting some LTD friends for the first time ❤️❤️❤️

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172500)

by **darren2722** » Sat May 30, 2015 10:05 am

Hope that everyone who went to the premiere had a fabulous time 😊 And those going in

the next few weeks love it too. 🙌  
A speech bubble containing the word "Please" above a laughing face with hands emoji (😂).

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172507)

by **Lucy** » Sat May 30, 2015 12:35 pm

I'm sure you'll all have a great time. You lucky people!!! 🙌

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172508)

by **pat.dunham** » Sat May 30, 2015 9:13 pm

A great but tiring day, so will comment tomorrow.

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172509)

by [wally](#) » Sat May 30, 2015 10:20 pm

Well I went to the opening night / preview and although sceptical, I was amazed! After a long delay, the show began and ended with Goin' Back and in my opinion was a wonderful tribute to Dusty! the holograms were something else and was totally mesmerised by the back views when she turned around....spooky, Even all cried out although in black and white was brilliant and you seemed to forget that colour was missing! Of all the tribute shows that I have seem since our dearest Dusty left us, this is the BEST! My only reservation being is that will it attract non and new Dusty fans to survive! I attended with a non Dusty fan though, who is now converted. I loved the fact that the cast did not attempt to sing or immitate her unique style during the show, but loved the choral version of Goin' Back at the end! Would highly recommend this show to all, go with an open mind and remember it is not the RAH 1979 but a truly magnificent production! May it survive and live long!

Last edited by [wally](#) ([./memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=79](#)) on Sun May 31, 2015 7:28 am, edited 1 time in total.

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172512)

by [boztiggs](#) » Sat May 30, 2015 10:26 pm

Well, Im keeping my gob firmly shut!!

Neil 😊

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172513)

by [Lucy](#) » Sun May 31, 2015 1:36 am

Thanks Wally for that lovely review!!! Sounds like they did a great tribute and I do hope it keeps going to the extent that they bring it out to OZ !!! Here's all my fingers and toes

  
crossed....

PS. What was the program book like? Did you get one for a lovely souvenir ????

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172514)

by [allherfaces](#) » Sun May 31, 2015 5:06 am

Very pleased to hear that some have had a great experience. Would love to hear honest responses others who attended...all fans' perspectives are important.

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172518)

by [dusty nut](#) » Sun May 31, 2015 6:42 am

GOOD MORNING TO YOU ALL FROM A VERY TIRED, BUT HAPPY DUSTY NUT. 🙏  
I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THE SHOW, THE CAST WERE SUPERB, ESPECIALLY ELLIE AS THE ADULT DUSTY THE LIVE ORCHESTRA AND BACKING SINGERS WERE ALL AMAZING IN HOW THEY SYNCHRONIZED WITH DUSTY'S VOCALS. JUST WONDERFUL. MY ONLY NIGGLE IS THAT I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SEE MORE OF THE HOLOGRAM

DUSTY. I WAS A BIT DISAPPOINTED THAT IT WASN'T MORE ON THE LINES OF THE CELINE DION AND ELVIS ONE. DUSTY WAS A LITTLE TOO FAR BACK IN THE STAGE FOR MY LIKING. SAYING THAT, I LOVED THE SHOW AND WOULD RECOMMEND IT TO ANY DUSTY FAN, OLD OR NEW. FIONA, PAT AND I PLAN ON GONG AGAIN SO IT MUST HAVE BEEN GOOD!! 🤝 IT REALLY MADE MY DAY TO SHARE THE SHOW WITH CAS, WEND, PAT, FIONA, NEIL AND JASON, GEMMA AND CAROL AND OF COURSE SANDRA. SPEAKING TO DUNCAN AT HALF TIME HE SEEMED PRETTY POSITIVE THE SHOW WOULD

TOUR. 🌟🌟❤️❤️❤️📱🤔👍👉👎

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172520)

by [jhillier](#) » Sun May 31, 2015 7:08 am

When to show yestrrday....oh my so so good. Slightly needed a brush up here and there but truly amazing brought a tear to my eye on more than one occation. Would I go again.! YES. Nice to see Pat again .....memories when she introduced me to Dusty many years ago backstage. My autographed album still locked securly away.Thanks Pat.



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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172523)

by [Cas19](#) » Sun May 31, 2015 7:51 am

Amazing show, all the cast were just brilliant, with Ellie Ann Lowe as an enthusiastic and sparkling Dusty. The storyline rang true and all the songs and footage of Dusty were well chosen.

For me the holograms didn't quite come up to expectation. In my minds eye I was hoping Dusty would be more to the forefront of the stage., I had been thinking more on the lines of the Celine Dion and the Elvis hologram and this wasn't achieved.

Lovely to be with Wend, Lynn, Pat, Sandra, Fiona, Neil and Jason who all helped to make it a memorable day. With love and thanks to my son Dene without whos help I would never have made it.xx

My pics are a disappointment as a lot are a bit on the fuzzy side. I'm sure others will post some.

Me and Wend.





Heres Sandra and Lynn.



Casx

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172524)

by [daydreamer](#) » Sun May 31, 2015 7:57 am

A few observations from me. Sitting on the front row was always a given for a real Dusty concert but if you're going to see this show, sit at least 5 rows back! I was on the front row and it spoiled my enjoyment, I just couldn't get a feel for the whole stage. For me the performances from Ellie Anne Lowe as Dusty/Mary and Francesca Jackson as Nancy were stand outs, they were both excellent and I doubt they could have found a better Dusty. The musicians, backing singers and dancers are all first class but sometimes the

voice of Dusty got drowned somewhat by their voices, something I know they can sort out. I'm a bit of a stickler when it comes to getting Dusty's look right and they did a great job with the costumes, which were mainly day wear, but less so with the wigs. I didn't mind the look with the black bow so much (though shorter at the back would be good 😊 ) but the earlier ones need work! There are so many good wig shops even on the high street now, I'm sure this could also be put right. Being so close to Dusty (in an avid fan way) for so long, it's hard to disregard these things. Almost all the footage worked really well for me, except maybe 3 clips from the Australian Bandstand was one too many. There was great vibrancy during the dance routines, I especially loved the Motown segment and Dusty as a Vandella 🎵 Losing You and All I See is You were also pretty special. The holograms seem to have split opinions, I was disappointed, I found them a bit odd, the final one working best but Dusty seemed too far back, I was expecting her to be front of stage....maybe it's not possible. Again my view on these could have been coloured by my front row seat! The show is going to get better and better, it was only the second preview and I can't wait to go and see it again but this time sitting further back and being able to take in the whole staging. Lovely, moving finale with a sweet finishing touch.

#### Attachments

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#### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172526)

by [daydreamer](#) » Sun May 31, 2015 8:38 am



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Francesca, the Nancy character partly based on Pat, took in some first hand information





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The souvenir brochure was the only thing for sale yesterday, the programmes are not in yet but will be next week. For £4 it is an absolute bargain, really beautifully and lovingly put together.



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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172527)

by **trek007** » Sun May 31, 2015 9:06 am

A huge thank you for all your reviews.  
Some really informative information.

It's nice to read them all and get different members opinions of the show.

When I booked my seats I ended up ringing Ticketmaster to ask about best place to sit because of the holograms effect and they said half way back was best...having said that as you know I have been moved!!! But the new seats will be fine.

Was Pat happy with the show Carole?

They will I'm sure iron out some aspects as I suppose that's what previews are for and the press review is not until 15th June.

It's good that the cast were enthusiastic and good.

Thanks for the photos too.

All I hope for is that the personality, charisma and wonderful voice and talent of Dusty comes across to fans and non fans who go and see this.....

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172528)

by **karen** » Sun May 31, 2015 9:11 am

Yes thanks to you all for the reviews and the pictures . good to hear that you enjoyed the show even if a little disappointed re the holograms .. apart from that seems a good day had by you all and the meet ups with LTD fans too ..Keeping the Dusty love alive..



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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172530)

by **Hampson** » Sun May 31, 2015 9:43 am

*boztiggs wrote:*

Well, Im keeping my gob firmly shut!!

Neil 😊

LOL Neil - that's a first.

Wend

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172531)

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Sun May 31, 2015 9:48 am



Thanks to all who have given the first views of the show 🤖  
. As said there will no doubt be tweaks to it as they go along.  
I hope they get the hologram right as really thats what its about, seeing Dusty almost as if she is there.  
im so glad it took place and now its up and running we all hope it will be a success and be on a long and happy run.  
how did you all like that theatre setting and its accessibility and facilities etc?? 😊

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172532)

by [pat.dunham](#) » Sun May 31, 2015 9:54 am

Hi everyone, I'm a bit late on parade this morning.

Saturday started with a rail journey, for most of us. Several made the rendezvous at the tiniest "Starbucks" I have ever seen, perhaps not one of my brighter ideas. However we soon de-camped to a restaurant and enjoyed a meal/snack and a welcome drink. The tiny Theatre was just across the road, obligatory photos were taken. We then took our seats, an almost full house. Duncan introduced the show and gave us all a free drink in the interval, very generous.

We all know the story and the music so it was really down to presentation and performance. I totally agree with all that has been said. Your seat does make a difference to the enjoyment. Being in Row M , you had the overall picture. Technically there were a few problems but nothing that cannot be ironed out Performance wise as an ensemble piece it worked well. Elli and Francesca were excellent as Dusty and Nancy (Pat). My one personal crit is the makeup of the band, although excellent I thought the use of two Saxophones didn't quite work for me. The backing singers were a little too loud and drowned out Dust sometimes. Considering the complexity of the music live/recorded overall it was terrific. Following the show our little band found a bar to mull over the event with a farewell drink. This was not easy as London was heaving with people and all the bars were full We dispersed about 7.30 back to our assorted rail termini for the journey home. Some of us entertained by the happy/sad football fans following the Cup Final.

Reflecting on the day it was terrific - nice to meet some new fans-enjoyed the show. Yes, I will see it again! 😊 🤖

Last edited by [pat.dunham](#) ([./memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=678](#)) on Sun May 31, 2015 10:02 am, edited 1 time in total.

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172533)

by [Hampson](#) » Sun May 31, 2015 10:01 am

Hi All - it was good to meet everyone.

My only criticism was the hologram also, but I think I was probably expecting too much of it, also I was up very close and personal like Carol. The cast all did a fantastic job, and in particular I liked the tall black girl (sorry don't know her name) - I thought her dancing, singing and her personality were stand out. Ellie was a very good too as was the girl who played her best friend's part.

Wend

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172537)**

by **pat.dunham** » Sun May 31, 2015 11:25 am

Just a rider to my comments above. If you go, do buy the souvenir programme which is a mini version of "Looking good.....". Designed and written by Paul Howes, need I say more.

Also, although the hologram may not have worked for everyone, the body double did a superb job on interpreting Dusty's movement.

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172539)**

by **Lucy** » Sun May 31, 2015 11:27 am

Lovely reviews from you all.. I'm sure that a bit of tweaking will go on as the show progresses.. Glad you all enjoyed it and I would be interested to know what Pat thought of the show!!!!.

Thanks for posting the photos . 📷

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172542)**

by **pat.dunham** » Sun May 31, 2015 1:53 pm

Is it possible that someone could copy John Harding's excellent review ,on FB, over to LTD.

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172543)**

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Sun May 31, 2015 2:04 pm

Elaine Paige on radio 2 played " in private " by the unmistakable voice of Dusty Springfield " after giving a much welcome "plug" for the stage show having started its preview run. 🎤

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172545)**

by **boztiggs** » Sun May 31, 2015 3:04 pm

here is Johns review in full :

I said I'd write down my thoughts on the show, the matinee of which I saw this afternoon. I should preface this by saying that the remarks and my preferences are wholly personal, and I already know from Lynn's post tonight that she feels differently about one aspect than I do (and I wholly respect her judgement): I am most definitely NOT the arbiter of all matters of taste!

I should start by saying that it was unlike any other musical tribute or show that I have seen before, and a great deal of that has to do with the inventiveness of the presentation. What you get in most cases is video footage of Dusty in many of her truly great performances at the rear of the stage, but with every sound track other than her solo voice stripped away. The vocals used sounded like the original recordings in almost

every case. Synchronised just about perfectly throughout are musical instruments (piano, brass section, drums and guitars I think) played on (or rather above and to the rear of) the stage by some pretty magnificent musicians. Not only are they musicians, but they play characters in the dramatisation of that part of Dusty's life covered, they dance, and they sing. And (always my favourite bit) there's a really first-rate trio of backing singers who perform live too. So what you get from a musical standpoint is generally Dusty on film plus live musicians and live backing singers. From time to time, the actor who plays Dusty (I'm ashamed to admit that I don't know her name because there are no official programs until next week, though I believe her name is Ellie Ann Lowe) assumes the role of soloist, and she does a great job. She also manages to remind you of Dusty without trying to look completely like her. Six dancers make up the cast. When dancing is the focus of the show, you appreciate their high standards and energy, but I have to admit to realising that when they were performing at the same time as a video was playing on the screen, then the screen was getting all my attention. All this is, of course, woven into what I believe is a reasonable presentation of some of the major events in Dusty's life from secondary school through to Memphis. In this context, I think it's important for those around my age, who have been AVID fans for well over 50 years, to remember that we often know perhaps too much to be objective about a production such as this. We know the music inside out and backwards, and when someone comes along to contemporise the story, we need to embrace it so that future fans can be afforded the opportunity to see and hear Dusty and to relish her contribution to our culture as we have been able to do.

Much has been written about the holographs. There are four songs featured using this medium - and I'm not going to spoil things by spilling the beans and naming them. Dusty's face is, as always, breathtakingly beautiful, but the technology is not perfect. Nor is it faulty. It is what it is, and it was a fascinating experience to watch it. But given the choice between more video footage versus more holograph, the video footage would have won my vote.

There were, for me, three very distinct musical highlights during the show. The first occurred at (I think) the end of 'In the middle of nowhere', when the entire cast started a very short, heavily gospel-influenced recap. I could have listened to the whole song done in that style. Then the live performance of 'I don't want to go on without you' was featured, but not showing Madeline Bell, Lesley Duncan, and Barbara Moore on the screen, but current video of the three 'live' backing singers - a clever little twist, since they were also on stage singing live. And the final, and for me, climactic pinnacle was the closing song, when again the entire cast assembled on stage and performed a totally new interpretation of 'Goin' back', which will always be my most treasured Dusty recording. It was stunning in its beauty and its impact, and was a fitting ending to what I consider a tremendous show.

Musical fads come and go, I know, but given that this was only the second public performance of the show, I don't recall seeing any obvious issues or errors. What I do feel, though, is that as a tribute to a talent of the calibre and significance of Dusty in our culture, everyone involved has done a damned fine job. I'd certainly recommend anyone with even only a slight interest in either Dusty or 60s music to go to see it. For fans, in my opinion, it's a must-see. And don't be surprised if, at times, your emotions take over - it's one of the lady's greatest talents that she could involve you in the emotions of her singing. What has happened in my case now is that the nostalgia of and for those days becomes sometimes overwhelming - it did today during the final song. And now there's a vehicle which can trigger all those emotions and provide a wonderful

entertainment at the same time. It's definitely a show which I shall go to see again.

And after promising not to go on and on, I fail yet again.

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172548)

by **trek007** » Sun May 31, 2015 3:29 pm

Thanks Neil....John's review is well worth reading.

All comment are welcome as its nice to get a variety of thoughts from all those who have been so far.

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172554)

by **Hampson** » Sun May 31, 2015 5:43 pm

*Cardiff Bluesgirl wrote:*

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That was nice of her Liz.

Wend

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172557)

by **FionaJ** » Sun May 31, 2015 6:08 pm

Well I'm not sure that I can add anything to the excellent reviews already posted..... 🧐

I had the most wonderful time, and honestly loved each and every second of it. I found it a very moving and emotional experience, a feeling that has remained with me throughout today. I most definitely will go and see it again.

Also a mention of how great it was to finally meet up with my LTD friends! Of course I already knew that they would all be lovely, and I wasn't wrong ❤️

Can't wait for the next time..... 🧐

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172558)

by **pat.dunham** » Sun May 31, 2015 6:10 pm

Thanks so much Neil for re-posting John's review. I hope you are feeling better today after your somewhat traumatic day yesterday. I look forward to meeting up again in the"



Northern Soul" version of DD. Like Topsy it appears to be growing. For those wishing to join it is 10Sept at the Premier Inn Mosley Street Manchester.

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172560)

by [daydreamer](#) » Sun May 31, 2015 6:17 pm

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172562)

by [pat.dunham](#) » Sun May 31, 2015 6:25 pm

Thanks for that correction Carole. but there is quite a resemblance between them. I had just seen Duncan around and thought it was him, apologies.

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172575)

by [wally](#) » Sun May 31, 2015 11:59 pm



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Oh What a Night!

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172576)**

by wally » Mon Jun 01, 2015 12:01 am



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### **Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172582)**

by **Rob** » Mon Jun 01, 2015 8:14 am

Thanks to everyone for their thoughts, reviews and photos, brilliant!v 🙌

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### **Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172601)**

by **Cas19** » Mon Jun 01, 2015 2:02 pm

<http://www.westendframe.com/2015/06/first-production-images-released-for.html>

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Casx

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172602)**

by **trek007** » Mon Jun 01, 2015 2:52 pm

Thanks Cas. The wig looks abit wild!

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172604)**

by **daydreamer** » Mon Jun 01, 2015 2:54 pm

How strange to have her photographed in the red wig! I'm not sure but I think that's the one they had pinned up for her time in the Springfields. Maybe they've still not arrived at the right ones....I hope they do 😊

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172606)**

by **trek007** » Mon Jun 01, 2015 3:00 pm

I assumed it was a early Springfields wig! A blonde one would have been better . I do hope they get these wigs right as this aspect is so important...Dusty never looks unkempt and dodgy wigs can have that effect

Bit like Cilla here...lol

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172611)**

by **Hampson** » Mon Jun 01, 2015 4:03 pm

*daydreamer wrote:*

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Thanks Carole - she's a star.

Wend

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172612)**

by **pat.dunham** » Mon Jun 01, 2015 4:06 pm

I agree mostly about the wigs, but in her defence I would say that changing a wig in a very short time ain't easy.

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172614)**

by **Cas19** » Mon Jun 01, 2015 4:24 pm

I have no fights with the wigs, the last one Ellie wears is perhaps the best. These things can be ironed out and improved on.

Casx

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172622)**

by **dig123** » Mon Jun 01, 2015 7:21 pm

Loved reading all the posts! Thanks all! Wish I could see this.

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172639)**

by **Cas19** » Tue Jun 02, 2015 7:50 am

Lynns asked me to put her pics on for her.

Sandra , Jason, Cas and Wend.





Lynn, Fiona, Wend, Pat, Neil, Sandra, Jason and Gemma.

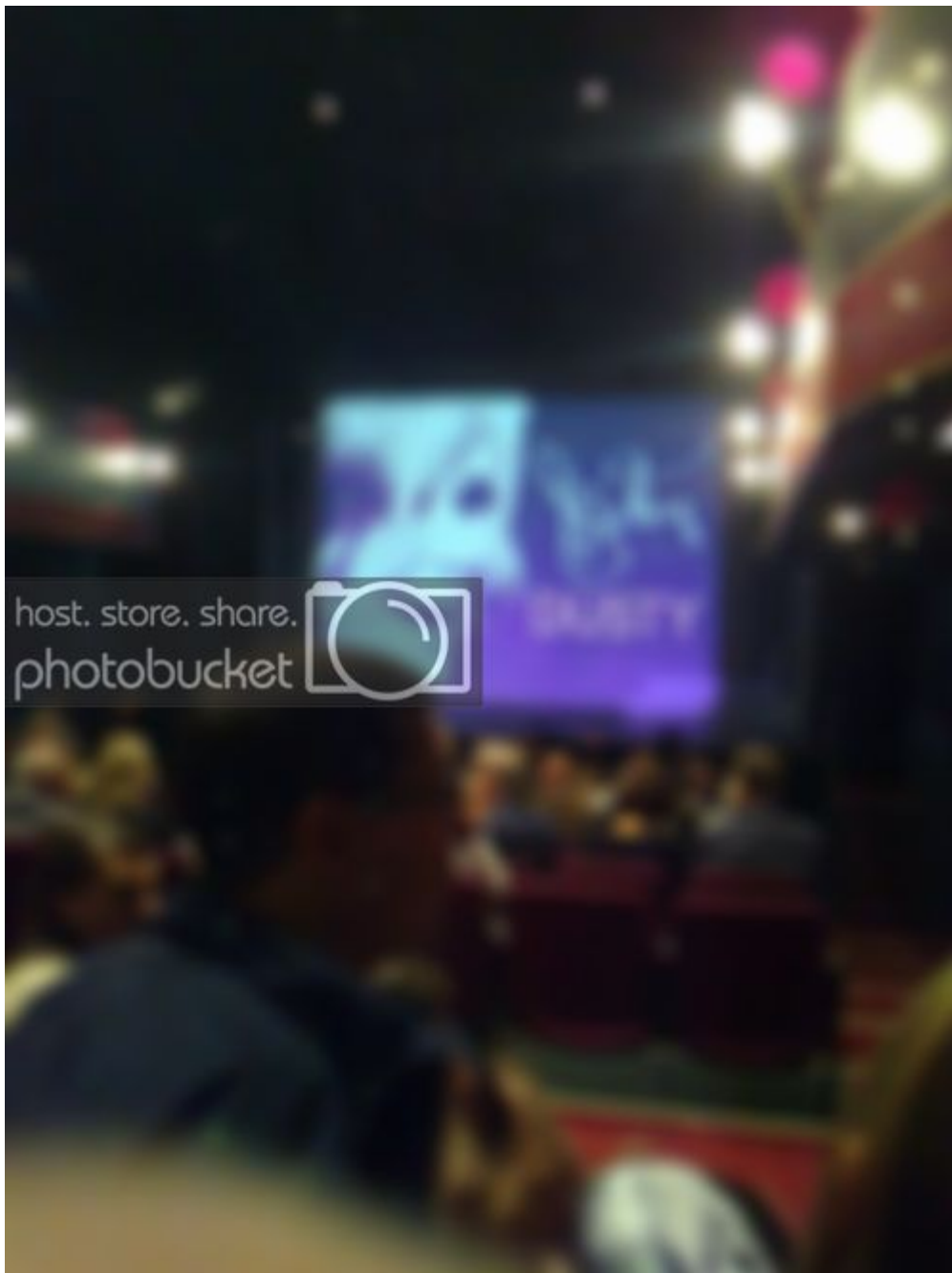




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Cas and Lynn x

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172643)**

by **trek007** » Tue Jun 02, 2015 8:00 am

Glad you all made the photo call

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172644)**

by **Lucy** » Tue Jun 02, 2015 8:12 am

Thankyou everyone for sharing your views and photos. Lovely to see. 🙌  
Would have loved to have been there.....

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172645)**

by **pat.dunham** » Tue Jun 02, 2015 8:33 am

Thanks Lynn and Cas for photos- love the group. I see Gemma ahead of the games with her T. 😊

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172646)**

by **karen** » Tue Jun 02, 2015 8:39 am

Thanks for pics from Lynn Cas , great to see you all . 😊 love Wends look in the first one 😊

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172649)**

by **Cas19** » Tue Jun 02, 2015 8:55 am

Yes Karen there will be worse to come I'm sure!

Casx

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172654)**

by **dusty nut** » Tue Jun 02, 2015 9:37 am

MANY THANKS TO CAS,I JUST CANNOT GET THEM ON HERE, WOT AM I LIKE! 🙄 😞  
SOME ARE A BIT FUZZY, WILL TRY HARDER WHEN WE GO IN JULY. 🙄

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172684)**

by **seamist1** » Tue Jun 02, 2015 8:57 pm

THANKS SO MUCH EVERYONE FOR THE PICTURES , GREAT TO SEE FACES TO THE NAMES.  
AND SO GLAD YOU HAD SUCH A GREAT EXPERIENCE AT THE SHOW !!

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172707)**

by **pat.dunham** » Wed Jun 03, 2015 7:51 am

Smooth Radio have excellent adverts for show, also on their web site. On Sunday, Dusty is their featured legend of the day -playing six of her hits throughout the day.

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172708)**

by **Pudge** » Wed Jun 03, 2015 10:43 am

So pleased you all had a great time,I wish I could go ,I wouldn't dare go into london alone.

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172710)

by **pat.dunham** » Wed Jun 03, 2015 11:02 am

See Simon's initial thoughts of the show, which he attended last night. Another happy bunny!

<http://www.dustyday.co.uk/dusty-news/> (<http://www.dustyday.co.uk/dusty-news/>)

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172723)

by **RenegadesEPC** » Wed Jun 03, 2015 2:59 pm

I'm so glad you all got the fantastic opportunity to see the show - it seems like a very positive experience 🙌

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172729)

by **pat.dunham** » Wed Jun 03, 2015 6:42 pm

It is so nice to read positive postings on material related to Dusty (Books,Plays,Shows). Each of us, who have seen the show have all been so positive and know the end result will be superb when the wrinkles have been ironed out. Previously our anticipation has been excitement but the end result has been so disappointing. This time we can enjoy, roll on mid July when I see the show again..

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172736)

by **FionaJ** » Wed Jun 03, 2015 8:31 pm

*pat.dunham wrote:*

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<http://www.dustyday.co.uk/dusty-news/> (<http://www.dustyday.co.uk/dusty-news/>)

Thanks for posting this Pat....it's wonderful to hear that Simon came from the show feeling great. I can certainly relate to that 😊

Dorn, I hadn't been to London on my own before and was a bit apprehensive. I needn't have worried because as soon as I got there I was welcomed into the LTD family and I honestly enjoyed every moment in their company (and Dusty's of course!) 🙌

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172745)

by **Pudge** » Wed Jun 03, 2015 11:18 pm

Wished i had gone when you guys went ,I'd love to see the show .Fiona have you booked for Manchester? Looking forward to the meet ❤️

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172764)

by [FionaJ](#) » Thu Jun 04, 2015 9:16 pm

Dorn some of us are going again on Saturday 18th July and you're very welcome to join us. It really would be great if you could... 🙄

I haven't booked Manchester hotel yet, but will look over the weekend 😊

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172767)

by [pat.dunham](#) » Thu Jun 04, 2015 9:22 pm

<https://twitter.com/WestEndLIVE> (<https://twitter.com/WestEndLIVE>)

This link tells about the free show in Trafalgar Sq which has excerpts from musicals currently running in London., 20/21 June.

Glad to see "Dusty" is amongst them, there are so many at the moment, musicals are certainly popular at present.

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172768)

by [Pudge](#) » Thu Jun 04, 2015 9:24 pm

Thank you ,I wil try and sort something ,I would love to be able to make it, do you stay over.

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172771)

by [FionaJ](#) » Thu Jun 04, 2015 9:47 pm

Fantastic Dorn! 🙄 I will send you a PM 😊

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172773)

by [Lucy](#) » Thu Jun 04, 2015 10:01 pm

Lovely to see you all had a great time at the show, Such positive reviews and a lovely review from Simon. Thanks for that Pat.London can be daunting if you're on your own but, meeting up with other LTDers would have made it an enjoyment.

Thanks Cas and Lynn for posting the photos it was nice to put a picture to a face 🌟  
Those who are going again, 'ENJOY'.....

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### Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172854)

by [Pudge](#) » Sat Jun 06, 2015 6:21 pm

My son is bringing me to London to see the show.

Looking forward to meeting some of you guys.

Is the date 18 July ,are you going to the 7-30 performance ❤️

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172857)**

by **dusty nut** » Sat Jun 06, 2015 6:43 pm

HI DORN, IT IS THE 18TH BUT THE MATINEE AT 3.PM NOT THE EVENING. 🍷

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172858)**

by **Pudge** » Sat Jun 06, 2015 8:16 pm

Thank you lynn

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172859)**

by **FionaJ** » Sat Jun 06, 2015 9:43 pm

Dorn, so pleased that you can come 🤔 Will you be able to come to the 3pm show?

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172863)**

by **Pudge** » Sat Jun 06, 2015 10:02 pm

Yes ,i will be in England on Thursday .

Did you book on the phone for the show or internet. Thank you for your help ❤️

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172867)**

by **allherfaces** » Sat Jun 06, 2015 11:03 pm

Thank you everyone for your reviews and pics. I'm so pleased so many of you have been able to see it and that so many more will. Hopefully it will improve with time, as well.

Enjoy! 🌹🌹

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172875)**

by **Pudge** » Sun Jun 07, 2015 8:22 am

Fiona ,I have tried to answer your pm ,it won't reply,

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172881)**

by **Pudge** » Sun Jun 07, 2015 9:57 am

Hi Lynn, I have just booked my tickets for the show,seats m 1&2 can't wait ❤️

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172885)**

by **FionaJ** » Sun Jun 07, 2015 10:47 am

Brilliant news Dorn! 🤔

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172890)**

by **dusty nut** » Sun Jun 07, 2015 12:40 pm

THAT'S GREAT NEWS DORN!!! LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU. 🍷 🌹 🌹 🤗

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172898)**

by **pat.dunham** » Sun Jun 07, 2015 12:52 pm

Same seats we had on our first visit. Dorn I'm sure you will enjoy the show. Look forward to meeting you.

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172899)**

by **Pudge** » Sun Jun 07, 2015 12:54 pm

Thank you Lynn, looking forward to meeting you guys 🤗

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**Re: Stage play starring virtual Dusty (#p172922)**

by **Cas19** » Mon Jun 08, 2015 5:44 am

I'll be there too looking forward to meeting you all.

Casx

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