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## Starting over...

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by Carole R. Posted: Mon Jan 04, 2010 4:40 pm

If Dusty were starting out now.. Do you think that she'd make it?

...and by what means d'ya think she'd make it?.. 🙂 🎜

It seems to me that everyone goes on 'a journey' these days..."Its been an incredible journey" is a much used expression on progs such as X-Factor etc...

So which journey would Dusty take?...via the scenic route or straight to the top?... 🕱



CR xx

### Re: Starting over...

by allherfaces Posted: Mon Jan 04, 2010 6:08 pm

Marketing question....

On the one hand, Dusty had such an amazing talent, that it is difficult to believe it would be denied in any era.

On the other hand, so many stars today are manufactured--and I don't just mean a lot of makeup and a big wig--I mean they can only produce a sound in a 'studio' and sound crap live, or their bodies are so lifted, pinched, and plucked that they don't resemble anything human. Dusty had a level of authenticity that doesn't fit the current mold IMO.

But maybe I'm not answering your question at all ?

# Re: Starting over...

by **Brian** Posted: Mon Jan 04, 2010 6:42 pm

Dusty had such an amazing voice, even now she would appeal to the 'fickle' British public (made up of 60% over people over 45!). She was distinctive way back, and she would still be distinctive today. All (and I mean ALL) of today's UK girl singers sound exactly the same due to the 'so called' improved technology. Most of them even LOOK the same, and couldn't hold a decent tune if they had magnetic hands! 🥯

Brian

Re: Starting over...

by Cardiff Bluesgirl Posted: Mon Jan 04, 2010 7:01 pm I agree, she would still make it. when you look at the way the public scream and jump about at the terrible Britney and Cheryl Cole when they are so bad, weell they would be so happy to see" our Dust"

## Re: Starting over...

by karen Posted: Tue Jan 05, 2010 1:49 pm

Of course she would make it, and with just the fans she has here would have a great start. She was a great singer, had an amazing voice and really could sing anything, and I mean SING.

Karen.

#### Re: Starting over...

by daydreamer Posted: Tue Jan 05, 2010 3:33 pm

It's a whole different world now, than back in the good old days. I think we still get good singers appearing out of America by the normal route of just having talent but in this country, I don't know how Dusty would be able to put herself out there. She wouldn't go the reality tv route that's for sure. Maybe she would have a great producer come along and together they would make an album similar to Back to Black, one that makes people take notice. Like I say, it's a different world and just being the best female voice ever in popular music, might not even count if you can't get heard. Let's face it, there are so many females still trying to be the new DS, it must mean her sound is still highly relevant and cherished, and as yet, unbettered.

### Re: Starting over...

by Cas19 Posted: Tue Jan 05, 2010 3:37 pm

Theres no dout in my mind that she'd be a huge success.

Casxx

## Re: Starting over...

by trek007 Posted: Fri Jan 08, 2010 5:23 pm

Talent will always shine through...so yes Dusty would make it today.

Cheryl Cole talking on some local radio prog the other day didn't seem to know who Dusty was when she was asked about singers in the past...she wasn't sure whether she was still alive or not either. This is from a judge on a talent contest!!

## Re: Starting over...

by daydreamer Posted: Fri Jan 08, 2010 5:36 pm

That makes me want to slap her!

Re: Starting over...

by Cardiff Bluesgirl Posted: Fri Jan 08, 2010 6:52 pm

she is as thick as the proverbial so no surprise there really. 
I am amazed at her success shes just terrible. all hype ,no voice, but Simon loves her so she will be on everything.

Dusty still out there and will still be out there long after she has sunk without trace.



#### Re: Starting over...

by Mark Posted: Fri Jan 08, 2010 11:55 pm

Can't say i'm familiar with Cheryl Cole, or any 'modern' singer post the demise of TOTP quite frankly, and i have the impression i'm not missing much by being outta tune with todays artistes......

Dusty would have made it in this modern age i'm sure just as she did in the early 60's, my sister Barbara whom most of you know was an instant fan right from from The Springfields very first TV performance, she just loved the voice and the persona of Dusty, more personal things simply didn't even enter the equasion back then in those innocent days, i wish they didn't today, it was the music that said it all......

### Re: Starting over...

by humboldt Posted: Sat Jan 09, 2010 11:40 am

Gosh, I missed this interesting thread until now.

In my view Dusty would have still have made it big in todays throw away music world. I agree that she'd never have lowered herself to appear on reality TV. With the demise of all TV pop shows apart from 'Later with Jools.....' we would definitely have seen less of her. I'm sure that she'd have videos playing on the likes of MTV. Sadly I'm not sure if the majority of todays kids would appreciate her style as it seems to be all rap crap and sex these days! Great song writers who don't record, or who have less commercial voices, also seem to be a thing of the past so getting the right new material would be more difficult. However, I think that if Dusty had the will to succeed then with the right management team she'd find a way.

# Re: Starting over...

by Dandy Posted: Sat Jan 09, 2010 2:42 pm

It would be easy to look at the careers of Amy Winehouse and Duffy and say Dusty would have followed a similar path. I don't think she would have followed suit, but done something more in the contempory pop/r&b vein of Ryan Tedder and Rihanna.

Also, I was listening to Alexandra Burke's new song *Broken Heels* on the radio and thought Dusty would have had fun with that tune and lyric - "all the ladies tell their fellas we can do what they do. We can do it even better in broken heels ... "

I think she would have embraced new technology and promoted her music on myspace rather than go the talent show route. She would have had better opportunity for being in charge of her own music rather being told what to do on X Factor or Idol.

#### Re: Starting over...

by trek007 Posted: Sat Jan 09, 2010 5:11 pm

Talking of X Factor...imagine a shy girl coming onto the stage at the auditions ..saying she was called Mary O'Brien and imagine the judges faces when she started to sing

#### Re: Starting over...

by Cardiff Bluesgirl

oh yes Trek, thats so right, I still remember feeling like that when she hit the stage and started to sing even though I knew she sounded fantastic.

#### Re: Starting over...

by Laura Posted: Thu Jan 21, 2010 9:32 pm

I reckon she would be somewhat successful, but because of today's very over-commercial music, it may have been over shadowed unfortunately. Dusty was and is one of a kind, and introduced what was yet to come, which now may not have had the same impact. Hopefully she would have gotten more respect though as the times have become a bit more liberal.

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Posted: Sat Jan 09, 2010 9:22 pm