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Tom Lovett

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Posted - 15/02/2007 : 19:28:54



Does any one know when Vic started managing Dusty and when did they part company, seem to recall Dusty had to pay to get out of the contract.

Did Vic manage any other stars and is he still alive and what is he doing.

Just curious.

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Tom

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I believe Vic came on board at the beginning of Dusty's solo career, before that it was Ellwyn Griffiths who was agent/manager to the Springfields and Dusty met Vic at his offices after she had been given his name as a prospective manager. They split in 1970 (or thereabouts) when Dusty decided on her move to the States. I always believed that it was a friendly split agreed by the two of them, I never heard of her having to pay to get out of a contract. I know that Vic died but I can't remember when, not too long ago though. As for managing other singers, he did manage Kiki but don't know of others.

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Carole x

Tom Lovett

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Thanks Carole

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Did some digging around for ya, I think he also managed:  
Hazel Dean  
Gary Glitter  
Samantha Somebody (for one song that wasn't a hit)

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Posted - 27/02/2007 : 23:28:40

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She did have to pay to get out from under Vic. He came to visit her in the states. They were very friendly. Teda

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states. They were very friendly. I read

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Posted - 28/02/2007 : 01:41:56



Also managed Eden Kane.

xO

I wanna be a mooovie stah!

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**Kathy**

Wasn't born to follow



Posted - 27/03/2007 : 07:28:26



In an article I am going to post soon (which included the picture of Dusty with Brian Henderson) there is an interesting exchange between Vic Billings and the interviewer (Nan Musgrove). Apparently Dusty had laryngitis and was saving her voice, so Vic completed the interview for her. The interview took place at the Bandstand Cottage in October 1967.

"He (Vic) and I (Nan) were sitting on the front steps of the cottage while I did this proxy interview. He looked quite startled when I asked if Reece were Dusty's boyfriend. [guitarist in Dusty's band] Definitely not, he said. Reece was there about the music.

When we'd settled this, Dusty had disappeared and Mr. Billings had recovered from the "Bandstand Cottage", (He said it was just like a film set) and I noticed a beautiful gold watch and identity bracelet on his left wrist. The identity bracelet was inscribed "Love from Dusty". It was Florentine gold mesh he said, and Dusty had given it to him, the watch too.

Mr. Billings said Dusty was keen about jewellery. "She's not a diamond girl", he said. "She's crazy about rings. I have given her most of the jewellery she has--a watch, a Georgian bracelet of fine gold with a pearl clasp she is wearing today, a gold and enamel locket, rings, a couple of necklets and other bits and pieces."

Really! Was Vic trying to prove something, tell us something, throw us off the scent, and what of the expensive and somewhat intimate nature of the gifts to each other. Once again our Dusty has the power to ignite imaginations.

xx

Kathy

**daydreamer**

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Posted - 27/03/2007 : 22:40:22



I don't think it would have been any of those things Kathy, I think they were genuinely good, close friends. If they gave each other gifts, I'm sure it was because they wanted to. It's always been said that Dusty loved to give gifts and back in the early to mid sixties, whenever she would talk of her small group of true friends, Vic was always in there.

Carole x



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**Baby Blue**

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Posted - 14/04/2007 : 16:33:40



Slightly off topic here, but I do recall a story where Brian Epstein and Vic Billings discussed trading Cilla Black for Dusty Springfield! I always took it to be a good natured, joking around comment.

BTW, who managed Dusty after Vic Billings and was there more than one person through the years? I recently read somewhere that Dusty shared the same manager as Andy Williams while in California.



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Marty



**Kathy**  
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She had Harold Portugais for a while when she went to California. Dusty might actually have been better off with Brian Epstein as manager. Cilla had several number one hits because Epstein was able to time Cilla's releases so that they did not clash with the Beatles' releases and others he managed. This was the main reason Dusty did not have more of her songs reach number 1 position on the charts.

XX  
Kathy

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Vic was perfect for Dusty, everyone who was around them at the time, said so. Pat wont hear a wrong word about him, she says he was the only one who could really handle her. I don't know what Vic's exact words to Brian Epstein were about the Cilla offer, but I think they were along the lines of "not on your Nellie"! 😊

Carole x

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"Since you went away, I've been hanging around...."



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At DD07 Madeline also sang Vic's praises, saying he was the manager of her success, not others claiming so. 😊



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**Tim**  
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How I love that woman.

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**Teda**  
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Vicki came back to manage Dusty after Harold. Then I got Jennifer Cohen in there through a friend of mine. Teda xx



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