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by **edjames**

Posted: **Mon Aug 15, 2011 8:15 pm**

A sad and sobering thought came over me yesterday whilst it was pouring rain here in NYC. What will I do with all the memorabilia, records, CD's, tapes, DVD's, VHS tapes, newspaper and magazine articles, photos and assorted other Dusty stuff that I have accumulated over the past 46 years?

Someone once suggested that I should donate them to a university upon my demise, however, I'd like to make sure it goes to the right educational institution. One that specializes in music. Another consideration is whether to donate it to a US or UK institution.

Has anyone else out there given consideration to this?

I thought of the RRHOF but I don't think they are the right place for this.

I'd be interested in what others think. Should a fund be started to endow a university with a Dusty Springfield chair? I know so little about educational institutions, other than the fact that I couldn't wait to get my degree(s) and get out. LOL

ED

Re: What To Do With Dusty Historical & Research Items

by **boztiggs**

Posted: **Mon Aug 15, 2011 9:00 pm**

yes, a very sad and sobering thought, but of course, dustys legacy must live on, i dont know what i will do with whatever i have accumulated, as long as it was all loved and cherished like it is by me then i guess id be happy

Neil 😞

Re: What To Do With Dusty Historical & Research Items

by **Carole R.**

Posted: **Mon Aug 15, 2011 9:27 pm**

Mmm, a sobering thought indeed, and a problem which many Members of this Site will have to conjur with at some point. 🙄

CR xx

Re: What To Do With Dusty Historical & Research Items

by **trek007**

Posted: **Mon Aug 15, 2011 9:38 pm**

I shall have my CD's with me when I pop my clogs...heaven will want Dusty playing.

Seriously, an interesting thought as so many of us have lots of Dusty memorabilia...best to make sure we enjoy it all now whilst we can.

Re: What To Do With Dusty Historical & Research Items

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Tue Aug 16, 2011 1:04 am**

Interesting question that I think some of us should consider together. Let's discuss next week in Ptown!

Re: What To Do With Dusty Historical & Research Items

by **edjames**

Posted: **Tue Aug 16, 2011 3:51 pm**

Glad I perked up your interest. I would hate to have someone come in and just chuck in all in the trash. It's not the value, but the historical significance of maintaining Dusty's legacy for future generations. Dusty needs a champion, albeit one with some funds to spearhead projects like this.

ED

Re: What To Do With Dusty Historical & Research Items

by **krupert**

Posted: **Tue Aug 16, 2011 4:36 pm**

Ed, This is incredible timing - just returned from lunch listening to a new (to me) DUSTY C/D playing a beautiful song that I sadly didn't remember. Oh yea - the song - Yesterday when I was young....Sure makes you think & your topic here needs to be addressed properly...Ken..

Re: What To Do With Dusty Historical & Research Items

by **IWannaBeABluesSinger**

Posted: **Tue Aug 16, 2011 7:44 pm**

edjames wrote:

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Ed:

I'm glad you are thinking about preserving your items. It is surely one of the most extensive and important collections of Dustymania because you knew her. Allow me to give some advice:

You have to make a provision in your will, the sooner the better, in case something happens before you have made your choice. You can add the actual University later as a codicil. Then you have to give your executor(s) and loved ones a written notice explaining your intentions - you don't want what happened after Dusty died to happen to you where a flock of people descended on her house and helped themselves to whatever

they wanted and burned the rest.

I would also suggest that you catalogue your collection if you haven't already - number of pictures, articles, personal notes, etc. in order to give a University a better idea of what they would be dealing with.

You need to start contacting Universities in order to make an informed decision and I would strongly suggest limiting it to UK institutions because Dusty was a far bigger star over there and the study of her and her times is taken more seriously. There are modern music study programs in quite a few places now - but you want one where the collection will be properly preserved and made available to researchers. Be sure and emphasize that you knew her. If you can bear to part with your collection ahead of time you can always donate it now and maybe visit it - great excuse for a trip to Merry Olde.

Actually there are some Universities that have a publishing arm - your collection might make a nice book everyone could have - you might want to explore that before you do anything else. Anne Randall, who is on this board as Spooky1, may be able to help with suggestions.

Or you could just give it all to me 😊

Maggie

Re: What To Do With Dusty Historical & Research Items

by **edjames**

Posted: **Wed Aug 17, 2011 4:45 pm**

Oye! More work! LOL

Thank you for the advice. You're right, preplanning is the way to begin. I need to update my will and so, I will discuss my intentions with my attorney and proceed from there. Alas, I have no family and most of my friends have passed away, so I will make sure the remaining few are kept abreast of my intentions. You're right, the blatant disregard for Dusty's legacy upon her death was a major catastrophe, although unbeknownst to us she may have wanted it that way. Cataloging all this is a huge project, I might have to hire someone to assist. I will also begin to look at UK universities and see if anyone is interested. Can you imagine a Dusty collection at Cambridge or Oxford? They both have faculties of music. However, there is also the Royal College of Music. Hmmmmm... thanks again!

ED

Re: What To Do With Dusty Historical & Research Items

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Thu Aug 18, 2011 2:35 pm**

Ed, I remember at one time that Annie was very keen on a Dusty archive but whether she's still interested in being involved in that, I don't know. Maybe you've already spoken with her about it. I wonder if the British Music Experience at the O2 could be of any help? Whatever happens, it must be preserved somewhere. I say the same thing to Paul!

Re: What To Do With Dusty Historical & Research Items

by **IWannaBeABluesSinger**

Posted: **Thu Aug 18, 2011 7:08 pm**

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thanks again!

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Ed:

The more I think about it the better I like my suggestion that you try and find some way to publish a book of the collection. Those kind of nostalgia/social history books are very popular nowadays. If you still live in New York it should be easy to contact literary agents and try to get something going. If the recently announced movie gets made there would be a market for this if you act now. Point that out to anyone you contact and that would help pique their interest. Check out bookstores to get an idea of which publishing houses are specializing in those books. That would be a way to get the collection catalogued - they would help. I'll buy the first copy.

If you have a scanner you should make digital copies of everything - if only so you can always have something.

Maggie