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## Where did Dusty perform ?

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### Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12503)

by **Brian** » Sat Mar 27, 2010 9:09 pm

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### Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12504)

by **neonouille** » Sat Mar 27, 2010 9:23 pm

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You can remove Canada of your list. 😊

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### Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12505)

by **Sweetbaby** » Sat Mar 27, 2010 9:38 pm

😊 I too was going to mention Dusty's being a special guest on Rough Trade's farewell concerts in Toronto & Montreal. I don't think Dusty played any gigs of her own in Canada.

Dusty canceled a Swedish tour in May 1966 - it's said the Searchers replaced her so it presumably was a package tour.

Anne Murray mentioned that her brother told Dusty he'd seen her perform in the Bahamas & Dusty said she'd never been there. Who do you think erred?

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12506)**

by **neonouille** » Sat Mar 27, 2010 9:52 pm

I also have this Canadian interview of 1981, between 7:15 and 8:05

[youtube]<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vg3zdjrlxSg>[/youtube]

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12600)**

by **Tommy Stevens** » Sun Mar 28, 2010 7:25 pm

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Should that count? From the look of the clip, I don't think Dusty remembered it the next day, which makes sense. If I had to sing Softcore in public, I'd get drunk too. Warning: mini-rant ahead:

That song is where the comparison to Broken English almost makes sense. It sounds like she said "I want to end the album with something powerful, something where nothing's hidden, like Marianne did with "Why'd You Do It", and she forget to specify that it should be a good song, too. As it is, the lyrics are all psychobabble and description. When I hear "Why'd ya Do It," I think "this person she's singing as sounds like she's angry and bitter," when I hear "Softcore," I think "this person she's sing as sounds like she's in an intense situation. Someone should write a song about it." She does a good vocal on the studio version, though.

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12614)**

by **Sweetbaby** » Sun Mar 28, 2010 9:12 pm

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12615)**

by **Brian** » Sun Mar 28, 2010 9:14 pm

Perhaps Duggie can fill us in ?

Brian

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12619)**

by **humboldt** » Sun Mar 28, 2010 10:33 pm

IMHO there is absolutely no comparison between the rather good but tame 'Soft Core' and the angry magnificence of 'Why'd Ya Do It? It's like trying to compare apples with oranges!

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12637)**

by **Tommy Stevens** » Sun Mar 28, 2010 11:10 pm

One similarity is that both songs are about being fed up with a lover, sung as accusations. The difference is that where Marianne is angry, Dusty sounds passive; Marianne does something, Dusty wishes she could do something.

In a way, it reminds me of the movie, *The Misfits*. Marilyn Monroe was hoping it would be something different for her and would prove that she was a real actress, but the character turned out to be a variation on the standard Marilyn Monroe character, albeit with a bit more depth. "Softcore" was supposed to be a darker, more sophisticated song for Dusty, but while it was more explicit in some ways, in the end it wasn't very different from many of her more famous songs. Once again, she was powerless and victimized in a relationship.

Another connection between *The Misfits* and "Softcore," is that Arthur Miller wrote *The Misfits* and Carole Pope wrote "Softcore." When Marilyn Monroe read the script for *The Misfits*, she felt betrayed, asking if that was what Arthur Miller really thought of her. I wonder if Dusty had a similar reaction to the song?

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12745)**

by **Sweetbaby** » Mon Mar 29, 2010 10:45 pm

😊 I've found an announcement for a promotional tour by Dusty which commenced in Sweden 12 October 1964: the three week junket was also to take in Norway, Denmark, Germany & France.

It was announced that Dusty was to tour Ireland beginning 14 February 1965.

Dusty performed in Helsinki in the first half of 1969 participating in the International Star Parade along with Adamo, the Ray Conniff Singers, the Hollies & Mireille Mathieu; the event was filmed and broadcast on TV in Finland that August.

Also wanted to mention -

- the announcement of Dusty's canceling her tour of Sweden in May 1966 mentioned she might play there that summer: can't find any follow-up yea or nay.

- Dusty visited Rio de Janeiro early in 1965 - here's a picture of her boarding the plane in London (I thought it might be a copyright no-no to actually show the image here):

[http://www.gettyimages.co.uk/detail/930 ... on-Archive](http://www.gettyimages.co.uk/detail/930...on-Archive) (<http://www.gettyimages.co.uk/detail/93089371/Hulton-Archive>)

As the caption says her trip is described as a holiday.

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12751)**

by **mnmcv1** » Tue Mar 30, 2010 12:23 am

why do i recall reading somewhere that she performed in Japan at one time?

about "Soft Core"- for all it's merits and intent, it isn't the deepest song lyrically (that "psychopathic dream" line seemed pretentious to me when I first heard it), but I don't like comparing it to "Why D'Ya Do It" (a song I heard long before "Soft Core"), or comparing *Broken English* to *White Heat*. I understand the parallels (British icons battling back from addictions and other vices, right down to the altered voices), but I wonder...when did *Broken English* become the barometer to measure *White Heat's* strengths and shortcomings?

Unless Dusty stated at some point that her intent was to follow in the vein of that album, I think it's a lopsided and unwarranted comparison. "Why D'Ya Do It" is a brash, angry indictment with an appropriately aggressive, driven production. "Soft Core" is a torch song with what amounts to a masochistic lyric- of course she's gonna sound passive! There's no resolution, no "now I feel better" moment in "Soft Core". Marianne's getting proverbial \*\*\*\* off her chest. Dusty's dilemma is unsolved. They couldn't be more disparate in tone, subject matter and execution.

just my humble opinion, of course... 🙏

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12756)**

by **Tommy Stevens** » Tue Mar 30, 2010 3:46 am

Well, they could have been more disparate. One could have been a cover of Inna-Gadda-Da-Vida and one a cover of Waterloo Sunset, for example, but who would have sung what?

I brought up the comparison after seeing a couple of reviews or articles that called White Heat Dusty's Broken English and I just thought "No. No. And No."

But when it comes to using it as a barometer, I'm of two minds. It's one of my favorite albums of all-time, so on the one hand, I think it should be something to aspire to in terms of quality and emotional power. On the other, saying " that's not as good as Broken English," is like saying an album isn't as good as Sgt. Pepper. Probably true, but there are a lot of good albums that aren't as good as

Sgt. Pepper, so it's kind of meaningless.

Beyond that, Broken English is the kind of album I wish Dusty had made. Not one that necessarily would have sounded like Marianne Faithfull's album, but one that said "this is who I am and this is where I fit in to music today." I get the impression that White Heat was at least partially an attempt at that, but it seems more like "this is what they're doing today, so I guess I'll give it a try." My guess is that her heart wasn't really in it. The music she was doing didn't connect with her the way the music she did in the sixties did. She loved Motown, she loved Bacharach and Goffin/King, but when she talked about what she was doing in the 80s, she would talk about how recording techniques were much better than they were in the past rather than any newer musicians that she had the same passion for.

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12757)**

by **Kathy** » Tue Mar 30, 2010 3:52 am

Dusty did play in Japan. There are a few photos of her (from the old site) with her in a Japanese garden and I think on stage in a pink dress (not full length). She visited Japan on the way to Oz.

Sharon Davies also mentions that Dusty played in Sweden in 1969 before her TV special in Germany.

Dusty played Ireland on several occasions.

I also thought that Dusty played in Canada in Vancouver with Tom Jones for a TV special.

Dusty also did a TV show in France with Charles Aznavour.

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12907)**

by **Sweetbaby** » Tue Mar 30, 2010 7:47 pm

😊 The Tom Jones TV series on which Dusty guested was indeed taped in Vancouver. Apart from her guest appearances on Rough Trade's farewell concerts, I'm not aware of any Canadian gigs that Dusty played.

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12919)**

by **Sweetbaby** » Tue Mar 30, 2010 9:36 pm

😊 Re Dusty's Irish tour announced in February 1965: I've found a blurb confirming her arrival in Dublin that month to play "a short series of ballroom dates".

Dusty was scheduled to tour Japan in August 1972.

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12954)**

by **mnmcv1** » Wed Mar 31, 2010 3:39 am

point taken- they could have been more disparate. 😞

I understand now why you were drawing the contrast. The comparisons bug me...but I do think, taken on its own merits, *White Heat* IS a good album. And yes, I've noticed Dusty would often praise the technical aspect of music during the 80's and 90's. But, corny as it sounds, I feel her heart in the album. Perhaps she thought she was being daring, or was conscious of trying to be on the cutting edge (so to speak)...and while it could've been much more, there it sits. The oddball in the Dusty Springfield canon. And I love the damn thing. 🤔

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12955)**

by **Tommy Stevens** » Wed Mar 31, 2010 4:40 am

Maybe if I can listen to it without the baggage of it being her cutting edge album, it might sound better to me. When I see it described as such, all I can think is that it really doesn't work on those terms. This is what I meant about her not having her heart in it. Marianne-and from what I can tell, Sandie Shaw-went all the way. Dusty always kept one foot in the middle of the road. (which is a strange image if you try to picture it literally.) Maybe she honestly wanted to go further, but just didn't know how to go about it. I mean, one of her big moves toward the new music of the day was to record a song by Sting, which WAS the mainstream in the early 80s. Too bad Dusty didn't know whoever it was that told Cliff Richard to record a Wreckless Eric song, especially because Cliff's version wasn't all that good and I suspect Dusty could have done much better with it.

To be fair, covering Elvis Costello was a bit more daring, though Elvis was pretty much the go-to guy for an older artist that wanted to get some credibility by covering a New Wave song. (Ever heard Peter Noone's version of "Green Shirt?")I don't think it came out right, which mystified me. "Dusty Springfield doing an Elvis Costello song. How does that not work?" (The answer: No one was at the top of their game on that song)

Ok, I just listened to a few tracks on YouTube, and it's benefiting from just the opposite of what I said when I started this post. My expectations are so low that I keep thinking "Ok, that's not terrible. Her voice is pretty good there." The arrangement on the Elvis Costello track is still a mess, though.

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12966)**

by **daydreamer** » Wed Mar 31, 2010 8:05 am

*Sweetbaby wrote:*

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In April 69 Dusty went on holiday to Honolulu and made two concert appearances there. She has

also appeared in Spain, at Tito's Club in Majorca in 1966, the club still exists. When she went to Tokyo in 67 (we have quite a few different photo's from that time), she made 15 TV appearances. I also read about Dusty performing in the Bahamas in Anne Murray's book but had never heard of that before. She did go there on holiday in 69, maybe she earned herself a bit of pocket money on the side 😊 I think she also visited Stockholm and Gotenburg later in 1966, maybe as a replacement for the earlier cancelled dates.

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p12978)**

by **Corinna** » Wed Mar 31, 2010 9:31 am

*daydreamer wrote:*

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You don't happen to have any details on that....? 🙄

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p13004)**

by **Kathy** » Wed Mar 31, 2010 1:04 pm

Did she perform in Sweden twice--as Sharon Davies book notes that Dusty performed in Sweden in 1969 just before her German TV show.

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p13005)**

by **daydreamer** » Wed Mar 31, 2010 1:10 pm

Sharon would be the first to admit that she took all the Dusty dates of performances (and other facts) from the Complete DS and having just checked, both the 66 and 69 visits to Scandinavia are listed in there, the 69 one saying 4 concerts at the Tivoli.

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p156170)**

by **A Girl Called Christal** » Mon Jul 07, 2014 9:24 am

Does Pat Rhodes still have any of Dusty's business paperwork? Specifically, tour/show contracts and tour itineraries? That would be the easiest way to confirm dates and places. The promoters and venues would have had copies of the contracts as well, but I'm sure many of the venues don't exist anymore.

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p156185)**

by **daydreamer** » Mon Jul 07, 2014 1:08 pm

I doubt Pat would have much of anything like that, she was Dusty's PA and secretary but she didn't deal with the business side at all, that would be manager and agent.

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p156204)**

by **edjames** » Mon Jul 07, 2014 3:55 pm

Now wouldn't it be nice if some of those 15 Japanese TV appearances made their way to YouTube???? Someone needs to scour the Japanese TV vaults. Hopefully those appearances haven't been chucked into the trash bin! Have we any Japanese fans out there that can help?

Dusty performed all over the continents. UK, Ireland, France, Spain, Germany, Sweden (Obviously some TV appearance clips may exist from this promo tour, too!), the Netherlands, Italy, South Africa, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. I don't recall Dusty making any appearances in Brazil, although she visited the city for a Carnival vacation with Tom, Peppi and Martha Reeves.

I recall mention of Dusty appearing in cabaret in Montreal at the Le Chateau Champlain Hotel, probably in the early 70's. Aside from her brief move to Toronto, she spent a lot of time in Vancouver, and toured into several western Canadian cities in the sixties.

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p156222)**

by **A Girl Called Christal** » Mon Jul 07, 2014 8:44 pm

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p156223)**

by **daydreamer** » Mon Jul 07, 2014 9:28 pm

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p156307)**

by **A Girl Called Christal** » Wed Jul 09, 2014 8:00 am

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It's a shame that Vic has passed away. I wonder if that paperwork still exists out there somewhere, or if it's all been lost/destroyed?

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p156865)**

by **neonouille** » Fri Jul 18, 2014 4:18 pm

*edjames wrote:*

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### **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p156881)**

by **pattigee** » Fri Jul 18, 2014 11:07 pm

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## Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p156882)

by **A Girl Called Christal** » Sat Jul 19, 2014 12:10 am

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Dusty at Isy's.jpg

Thank you, Patti. That's the poster that I had found. From further research that I had done, it appears to be from 1968. I've found out more information as well... I may have found the PR person for Isy's that had worked there at the time.

Christal 🎵

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## **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p156884)**

by **A Girl Called Christal** » Sat Jul 19, 2014 12:25 am

*neonouille wrote:*

*edjames wrote:*

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## **Re: Where did Dusty perform ? (#p156885)**

by **pattigee** » Sat Jul 19, 2014 1:03 am

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Thanks, Christal. I'll look forward to seeing anything you can find.

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