

This week...
Dusty Limits

*Asking the people of Cabaret
vs Cancer the same ten
questions...*

1. Who are you and what do you do?

Dusty Limits, singer, director, lyricist, actor, compere.

2. Can you list three people who are your inspiration, and why?

Diamanda Galas, the singer and musician, for her astonishing vocal and musical prowess and her uncompromising history of political activism.

Sir Ian McKellan, for being not only one of the finest classical actors of his generation, but again, for his courageous activism on LGBTQ issues.

JK Rowling, for helping a whole generation to discover a sense of wonder, and for her truly epic Tweets.

3. What would you save from your burning house?*(people, pets, legal documents and computers are already saved!)

My signed copy of 'Smut; by Alan Bennett, a gift from an old friend.

The deer skull and the print of a skeleton in a top hat smoking a cigarette, both gifts from my friends (the print dating back to god-knows-when, but anticipating my character on the Black Cat posters by decades).

The card given to my father by the undertakers at his mother's funeral, which says on it 'see other side', a joke which gave us great mirth at the wake.

4. What's your favourite meal and what drink is it washed down with?

Spaghetti puttanesca and a robust red wine, preferably Italian.

5. What talent do you wish you had?

I wish I could play the piano. And roller-skate.

6. Where is your favourite place?

Dreamland.

7. What do you do to relax?

Play video games. Unlikely, I know.

8. What book do you recommend everyone reads?

'1984', by George Orwell. For obvious reasons. Failing that, 'At Swim-Two-Birds', by Flann O'Brien, which, if I had to pick just one, I'd probably describe as my favourite book.

9. What is your biggest regret?

Giving up my piano lessons.

10. If God existed, what would you like to hear him say to you at the pearly gates?

Surprise!