
Subject: Scott Muni Has Died

Posted by [elektratic](#) on Wed, 29 Sep 2004 22:39:39 GMT

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I just read a notice that dee jay Scott Muni has died. Growing up in NYC, in eighth grade (c. 1968) I began listening to the then brand new free-format WNEW-FM -- Roscoe, Zacherly, Allison Steele the Night Turd (you had to be there). But somehow it was Scott Muni, yes he with the dreaded AM background, who set the tone, with his slow gravelly voice. A long time ago. I'm feeling very old.

Scott Muni Article

Subject: Re: Scott Muni Has Died

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 29 Sep 2004 23:23:15 GMT

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I'm sorry to hear that. Your favorite radio hosts become so familiar, they're just like old friends.

Subject: Re: Scott Muni Has Died

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Thu, 30 Sep 2004 01:05:49 GMT

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Jesus; don't tell me that. 6pm, Roscoe, opening the show with a poem and that great experimental jazz background, right after Scott Muni's 2p-6p. Then The night bird with those great stories. Back when; did you attend the WNEW concerts in the parks? Gaelic Park, Prospect, Central. Scott Muni, Allison, Roscoe; they were always there and approachable. I remember talking to Allison Steele and Scott by the bandshell at Prospect Park; Brewer and Shipley were playing "One Toke Over The Line", and some nit-wit was climbing the bandshell to moon everyone. There was a big security guy who wanted to pound the hoople and Muni stopped him from overreacting. He was on when John Lennon was Shot. I'll never forget, his gravel voice defines that moment for me. Like Walter Cronkite with JFK. Every day the world gets a little smaller.

Subject: Scott Muni Aircheck and Some Other Nostalgia

Posted by [elektratic](#) on Thu, 30 Sep 2004 18:28:09 GMT

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I poked around the internet to see whether there were any excerpts of a Scott Muni radio program. I ran across a great site, reelradio.com, which includes an aircheck of Scott Muni, Dan

Ingram and Cousin Brucie, then on WABC-AM, reporting from the Delmonico Hotel while the Beatles were staying there on August 28, 1964. Among other things, they interview Ringo and Paul, and arrange to return a lost St. Christopher's medal to Ringo. There are also airchecks of Rosko's October 2, 1967 on-air resignation from WOR-FM (following which he was hired by WNEW-FM), and an interview, five days later, of Rosko by Pete Fornatale, then on WFUV, about Rosko's resignation. Unfortunately, no Zacherle or Allison Steele. The site has a search engine, so you can enter the name of your favorite deejay or station and see what they have. For those who grew up in NYC in the '60s, there's plenty of WABC-AM and WMCA-AM (remember the Good Guys?). Now I'm feeling REALLY old!

Scott Muni 8/28/64 on WABC-AM

Subject: Re: Scott Muni Aircheck and Some Other Nostalgia
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Thu, 30 Sep 2004 19:08:49 GMT

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That's a great site, thanks. I have a buddy who loved Allison Steele and he still keeps old tapes of hers. We listened to one of her describing being stuck in a cabin during a snowstorm in front of a roaring fire. Good stuff. I remember Scott Muni as a pretty good acquaintance of Lennon with some nice interviews but I can't find them. I know I asked but did you ever attend those WNEW concerts in the park? I know they went on for a couple years, they would have one in each park throughout the summer. That's where acts like Buzzy Linhart and Al Kooper played all the time and the WNEW D-Jays were always hanging about. I remember one Friday night when Zacherle had his show on and for 10 minutes there was dead air. Just about to turn the dial when we hear a cough; evidently he had fallen asleep, what a character. What happened to Pete Fornatele?

Subject: Re: Scott Muni Has Died
Posted by [DRCope](#) on Thu, 30 Sep 2004 23:23:44 GMT

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Oh man. I grew up on Long Island at the same exact time, and Scott set the tone and the tunes. He was THE Voice of progressive rock for me. Very sad. I guess I was more favorably disposed toward Allison, though. How could you not love that voice at 14?!

Subject: Re: Scott Muni Has Died
Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 01 Oct 2004 00:52:02 GMT

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Jesus; she could draw sweat from a stone. That voice and those stories. Ever see her, she was only 5' with that red hair and that perfect body. How many times did you stay in the car after you arrived home from the bars and just listen to her.

Subject: Re: Scott Muni Aircheck and Some Other Nostalgia

Posted by [elektrartig](#) on Fri, 01 Oct 2004 13:04:13 GMT

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MB, Unfortunately I didn't attend the concerts. My favorite was Rosko, particularly when he went off on one of his dreamy raps. I'm not sure they made any sense, but I suspect that wasn't the point. His voice was so mellifluous it just sort of washed over you -- as did Muni's at his best. At about the same time I was a big fan of Steve Post and his Outside show on WBAI. It was on from midnight until whenever Saturday and Sunday nights, and I'd show you up in school Monday morning like a zombie.

Subject: Re: Scott Muni Aircheck and Some Other Nostalgia

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Fri, 01 Oct 2004 13:42:38 GMT

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Yes Steve Post, I considered mentioning him. Where is there radio like that anymore. Tried the net but there just aren't artists like him around. What happenend? Is it this generation, I mean we had TV, the radio was much better, Roscko could rivet your attention, even at 6pm in the traffic on LIE. Free-form radio; now we have Clearchannel. Thats just great. Thanks for sharing memories.

Subject: Allison Steele the Night Turd?

Posted by [GTFsr](#) on Fri, 01 Oct 2004 14:20:33 GMT

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I certainly enjoy her show. She sounded so sexy. Well that was a long time ago. GTF1971 DP high

Subject: Re: Allison Steele the Night Turd?

Posted by [elektrartig](#) on Mon, 04 Oct 2004 13:45:01 GMT

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I was away and computer-less this weekend, hence my response now. Actually, I enjoyed Allison Steele. The name arose somehow as an affectionate moniker, albeit a juvenile one, among my friends when we were in ninth or tenth grade (1969-70). Hell, we did a lot more stupid things back then. I am certainly NOT one of those to whom the Bob Dylan lines apply: "I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now."

Subject: Re: Allison Steele the Night Turd?
Posted by [tgvass](#) on Wed, 01 Dec 2004 20:47:22 GMT
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Allison Steele was the best, those of us who remember back then still miss her late shows very much!

Subject: Re: Allison Steele the Night Turd?
Posted by [Richard](#) on Mon, 06 Dec 2004 23:24:23 GMT
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Alison knew her audience well and was good at picking up vibes from it. She played her timeslot to her advantage. Hers is a sound we'll never hear ever again.
