

WHAT'S WRONG WITH CYNDI LAUPER?

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Cyndi's horrific-looking complexion shocked fans who spotted her at L.A.'s airport, after she tried to hide her face. Days earlier, she looked great at a New York event (below, left)

Sick-looking songbird shocks fans

POP star Cyndi Lauper's shocking red and splotchy face has folks wondering if something is seriously wrong with her health – and if the songbird is suffering from a mystery illness.

The 57-year-old singer was recently snapped at Los Angeles International Airport without makeup and with the skin on her face looking frightful.

"It sparked fears that she was seriously ill," says a source.

The Girls Just Want to Have Fun singer tried to pooh-pooh her alarming appearance, telling concerned fans, "I'm just suffering from a rash."

"I'm going to be OK, really," she insists.

Just days earlier, she was seen at a New York awards ceremony in her honor looking terrific and decades younger.

Her usually pale and smooth complexion was radiant as she posed for pictures after a Gray Line double-decker bus was dedicated to her.

But something appears to have gone terribly wrong since



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then and her skin looks angry red and painful.

According to her rep, the pop icon, who has been recently nominated

for a Grammy, suffered "a bad reaction to a spa treatment."

"She had a mud mask that she reacted negatively to," says the rep. "She has hypersensitive skin."

But Dr. Kenneth Beer, a West Palm Beach, Fla., dermatologist who has not treated Lauper, studied the photo and believes

the pop star has undergone more serious cosmetic work.

"Getting a reaction like this from a mud mask is highly unlikely," he tells GLOBE.

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"It appears to me that she has had laser resurfacing of the skin."

"The treatment is done to renovate the skin, tighten it and get rid of the fine lines and wrinkles."

"It was most likely done with a CO2 fractionated laser such as the Ultrapulse and can provide dramatic results."

Lauper's splotchy, red complexion was especially shocking because she's known for her porcelain skin.

She has even collaborated with younger pop star Lady Gaga on an advertising campaign for makeup.

But Dr. Beer tells Lauper's fans not to worry.

He notes that the laser treatment, which often costs between \$3,000-\$5,000, usually results in a dramatically improved appearance.

"Her treatment looks great," the dermatologist says, "and should heal in about a week with significant results."

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