

Movies opening at Prudential

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The Detroit area's newest theater company, The Movies at Prudential Town Center in Southfield, opens at 1 p.m. Friday

with "That's Entertainment, Part 2" showing in both 138-seat auditoriums. Ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the two

theaters will be held tonight with local dignitaries and film company executives attending.

Hundreds of area residents have taken a preview look at behind-the-scenes operation during the last two days as The Movies hosted an open house. Tours included an inspection of the single projection room serving both theaters with the latest audio-video equipment under command of one operator.

Also seen was the Light Curtain which uses a principle of polarized light to project a constantly changing series of colored images across the screen during intermission.

The new theaters are in the Theme building of Prudential Town Center. The lobby area, box office and refreshment center serving both theaters are completely open on a parklike setting of 4,000 tropical plants comprising one of the world's largest indoor gardens.



Starring

Chuck Mitchell, poet, actor, singer, musician and host of the Detroit TV show on WXYZ-TV, is starting through July 4 at The Raven Gallery in Southfield. Mitchell has performed at clubs, coffeehouses and in concert throughout the United States. Showtime at The Raven is Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday at 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 9:30 and 11:30 p.m.

It's 'Crudd' from Rufus

"Crudd." That's the kind of music Rufus, featuring Chaka Khan, will be playing at The Show, July 4 at Pontiac Stadium.

While their co-stars, Labelle, Ohio Players and War — will be performing their many gold record hits in rock, soul and even funk, Rufus will be playing in Crudd category.

Actually, Crudd is what leader Andre Fischer calls Rufus' music in order to keep it from being put in any existing category. Despite what Andre calls their mixture of rhythm and blues, rock and jazz, their fans keep buying their albums (currently records for ABC/Danville) such as

"Rufus" (platinum), "Rags to Rufus" (gold) and "Rufus" (gold). This success carries over to the concert field. A recent string had them in Kansas City one night and in the Astrodome (May 20) the next. Then on to the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles for a concert, then clear across the country to Shea Stadium in New York the very next night. Just before The Show at Pontiac, Rufus will do a two-week gig in Japan. (June 21-July 21)

Two additional city ticket offices now have tickets available for The Show. These are the box offices at Olympia Stadium and the Masonic Auditorium. The tickets continue to be available at Pontiac Stadium and all J. L. Hudson stores.

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