

# Chaka Kahn

## Spotlighted singer gives State Fair a show

By Nick Charles  
special writer

"Rain, rain go away and please come back some other day" was the most popular song at the Michigan State Fair this season. Although the weather was on the gloomy side, the performers brought a ray of sunlight all their own.

Opening the fair's entertainment this year was the electrifying ex-Rufus vocalist Chaka Kahn. The 29-year-old ball of fire has all the class of Diana Ross, the sensuality of Donna Summer, the experience of Dionne Warwick and the energy of an army.

Dressed in all gold, Chaka belted it out through a downpour. The fans ignored the wetness of the moment as Chaka performed songs from her third and most recent Warner Brothers release, "What Cha' Gonna Do For Me." The album contains 10 songs, four of which were written by Chaka.

The up tempo "I Know You, I Live You" was written by Chaka and producer Arif Martin. The two also wrote the lyrics to the old Dizzy Gillespie tune "Night in Tunisia" (now called "And the Melody Lingers On").

The re-worked song features the famed Gillespie as well as keyboard

great Herbie Hancock.

The Chicago-born singer also sang a few Rufus hits for the fans. Among them was "Tell Me Something Good" which was written especially for Chaka by Stevie Wonder.

Chaka, who began singing professionally at 15, has many more plans for the near future. Among them are recording with Yes keyboardist Rick Wakeman.

Chaka may also be lending her talented vocals to the soundtrack of a public television special entitled "For Colored Girls Who've Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Ends."



Singer Chaka Kahn thrilled the crowds at the recent Michigan State Fair. Chaka, a former member of Rufus, sang despite the pouring rain.

## Psychic coming to Schoolcraft

The Astonishing Neal, a paramentalist entertainer, will perform at Schoolcraft College on Friday, Sept. 25, at 8

p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center. He performed at Schoolcraft College in 1978 and 1980, making believers out

of many skeptics with his demonstrations of ESP, mental telepathy, psychokinesis, parapsitic vision and hypnosis.



The Astonishing Neal, a paramentalist entertainer.

Neal has been performing professionally since 1971. He holds a degree in psychology from Penn State University and claims he is a paramentalist with parapsitic vision.

His paranormal feats include driving a car 100 mph at the Pocono-Indy 500 after being completely blindfolded, emitting enough mental electrical energy to explode flashbombs and riding a bicycle blindfolded two miles in downtown Kansas City during rush hour.

He also made hundreds of accurate predictions including Super Bowl winners, the capture of Patty Hearst, the disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa and the 1977 Johnstown flood.

"I'm a rare person, but I'm not a freak," he said. "I've just developed some of the powers that are in all of us beyond the degree that people normally develop them."

Tickets for the Astonishing Neal's performance are \$2.50 and are available at the college's Student Activities office and at the door. For further information, phone 591-6400, ext. 380.

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