

New Beatles Albums

It may be seven years since the Beatles broke up, but two 'new' albums by the "Fab Four" have just been released overseas.

On the Bellaphon label is a double record of the Beatles live in Hamburg. Recorded in 1962 on a home tape recorder, it features 'rough but energetic' versions of various rock 'n' roll standards such as "Roll Over Beethoven", "Little Queenie", "Sweet Little Sixteen", "Matchbox", "Everybody's Trying to Be My Baby", "Long Tall Sally", and "Kansas City".

Songs associated with the Beatles included are "Twist and Shout", "Mr Moonlight" and "A Taste of Honey". Lennon and McCartney songs, "I Saw Her Standing There" and "Ask Me Why" are included together with such 'oddities' as versions of Marlene Dietrich's "Falling In Love Again", Frank Ifield's "I Remember You" and also "Red Sails In the Sunset". Although, obviously this is an historic package of great interest, the recording quality has been described as 'abysmal'.

Meanwhile, EMI have also released a Beatles live package. Titled *The Beatles Live at the Hollywood Bowl*, it, too, features versions of "Long Tall Sally", "Twist and Shout" and "Roll Over Beethoven" together with "She's A Woman", "Ticket to Ride", "Can't Buy Me Love", "Things We Said Today", "A Hard Day's Night", "Help", "All My Loving", "She Loves You", "Dizzy Miss Lizzy" and "Boys". Recorded in 1964 and 1965 on a three track recorder the tapes have been extensively edited and cleaned up. Produced by George Martin the Beatles play these 13 songs in just 28 minutes and 30 seconds. The album was released in New Zealand on the first of June.

The Further Adventures of the Sex Pistols

It seems the Sex Pistols, whose recording contract was revoked by EMI for uttering obscenities on a live TV show, subsequently got themselves signed by A & M for 50,000 pounds. So, their new record company threw a party to celebrate the signing of the contract. However, high-spirited lads the Sex Pistols, got a bit excited and indulged in various pranks such as spitting in the company limousine, drawing swastikas on framed pictures, breaking windows and threatening various company employees, while throwing others in the toilet. So, 6 days after they'd been signed, A & M paid them 25,000 pounds to go away. A & M were also left holding 20,000 copies of the groups single "God Save The Queen".

The Sex Pistols now seem certain to be signing with Virgin Records in Britain. Virgin hope to release their debut album and single within the next month. If, they don't get fired in the meantime.



TOURS

The following tours are confirmed at time of printing:

Marcia Hines Top Australian singer Marcia Hines will be in NZ for a promotional tour between 14th and 18th of June. She will return in November for a tour of

public performances. RCA will release her album *Shining* to coincide with her June visit.

Joe Cocker British soul singer Joe Cocker tours the 4 main centres and Hamilton between 19th and 24th June. The band Cocker is bringing will be led by well-known sax player Bobby Keyes although other personnel is not known at this stage. However, it is certain that the band will not be Stuff who backed Cocker on his *Stingray* album.

The Hues Corporation Returning for their third tour of NZ are US soul trio, the Hues Corporation. They tour here from 20th June to 7th July playing the 4 main centres and many smaller ones. Their new album *Not Too Shabby* is rush-released to coincide.

Nina Simone Veteran blues/soul performer Nina Simone tours NZ between June 20th and 24th as part of an Au-

stralasian tour. She plays the 4 main centres and Palmerston North.

The Chieftains Traditional Irish instrumental group the Chieftains tour between June 21st and 28th. The exact itinerary is not known at present.

Renee Geyer Australia's top lady soul singer Renee Geyer plays Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington and Dunedin as well as Hamilton between July 19th and 25th. Her latest album *Moving Along*, recorded in Los Angeles, will be released within the next month or two.

Sherbet also seem certain for a return visit in July.

Tours almost certain for later in the year include:

August: Steeleye Span (possibly with support act John Martyn); Jethro Tull.

September: Split Enz seem certain to do a 3 or 4 city tour.

October: Supertramp.

Many other acts are also rumoured to be coming to New Zealand. We print these but stress that these are not confirmed and similarly, dates are provisional only.

July America.

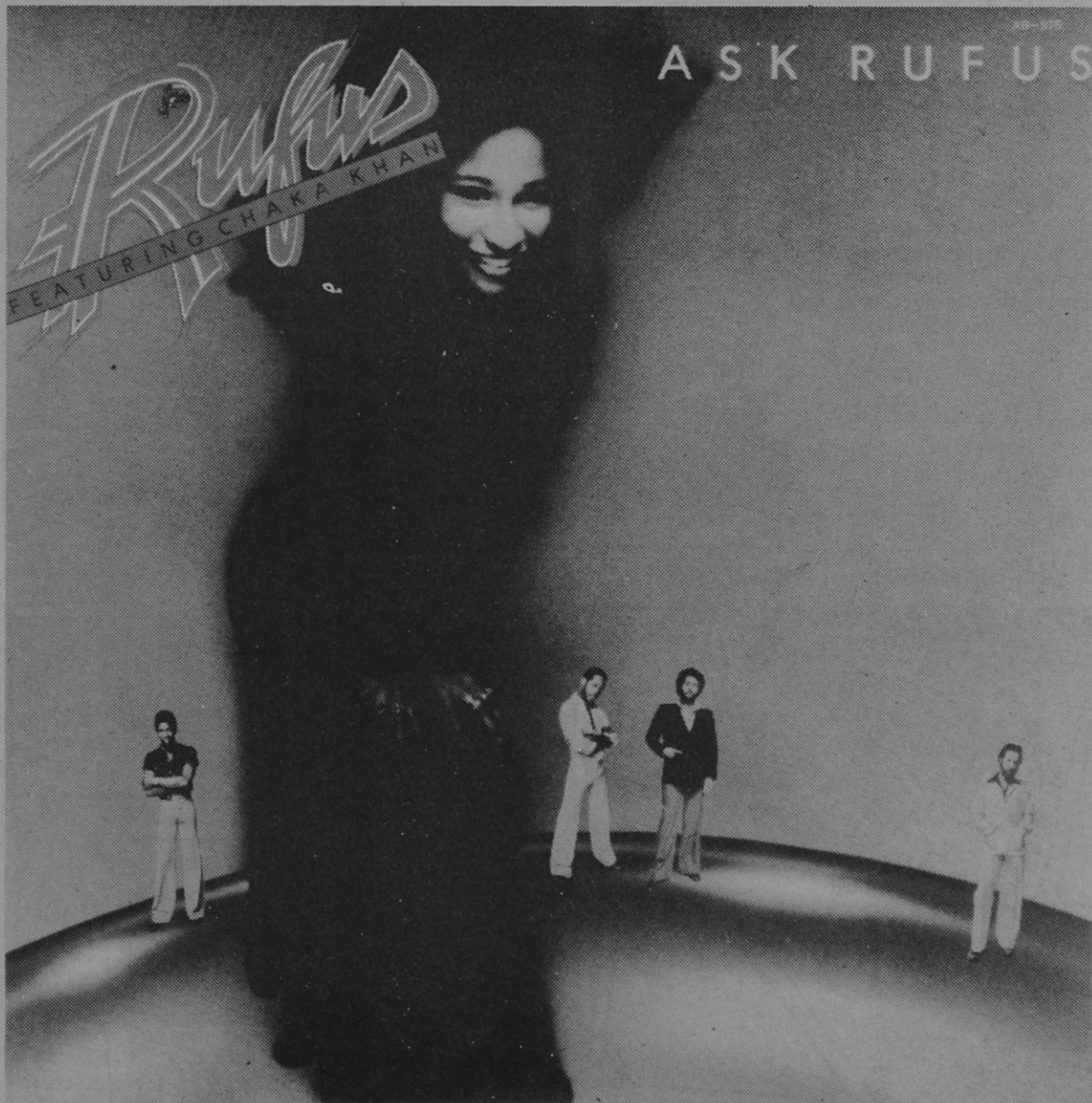
September George Benson; Manhattan Transfer.

October Fleetwood Mac.

November Eagles; Elton John; Little Feat.

February Yes; Emerson, Lake and Palmer.

Other acts similarly 'rumoured' but without even dates include: Peter Frampton, Bob Seger, Waylon Jennings, Daryl Hall and John Oates, Bob Marley and the Wailers, George Hamilton IV.



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