

## Shirley Murdock in Live Concert at Moulin Rouge Friday, July 3

The powerful vocal talents of Shirley Murdock were apparent at a very early age, as she imitated singing idols like Gladys Knight and Aretha Franklin. "I remember singing to all of Aretha's 45s," says Shirley, "'Respect', 'Dr. Feelgood'... when I was real young my mother didn't want me to sing 'Dr. Feelgood!'" This Toledo, Ohio native entered and won numerous talent shows as a young girl, and, as a member of the Calvary Baptist Young Adult Choir (at age 15), she par-

ticipated in Toledo's annual Gospel Concerts and recorded a live album.

One of the stepping stones in her budding career was a singing engagement with the End Time Revival Evangelistic Crusade which took her throughout the U.S. and into the Bahamas. It was also around this time that Shirley was voted 'Best Female Vocalist of the City of Toledo' through a radio call-in survey.

The strength and delivery of gospel training are still so evident in Shirley's style.

When she decided to pursue a pop career instead of full-time work in the Gospel music field she was helped over the transition by a supportive family. "It was like changing jobs," she says. Her religious interests are still hers and personal. What carries over to her music from that training is a deep, soulful style and incredible range.

Shirley backed-up the group Zapp featuring Roger

Troutman on their 1984 tour. The final concert was a Dayton, Ohio date at which Shirley's performance brought the audience to its feet. The performance which attracted major label attention was her taped rendition of "Jesus Is Love" by Lionel Richie.

"I grew up during the Motown years," explains Shirley, "when everything was really musical, really vocal. And there was a time

recently when it really wasn't about that — if you had a gimmick or concept, that's what people went for. But I grew up learning vocal tricks, soul-singing, and learning a Gospel delivery that comes from down deep within you. I hope that's what comes across in my work." Shirley's stunning debut album, "Shirley Murdock", proves that it does: The LP's first single, "No More," has been reported as

a national sales breakout — right out of the box.

Shirley Murdock can be seen and heard at the Moulin Rouge in two big shows — at 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. — on Friday, July 3. Tickets, priced at \$12.50 Advance and \$15.00 at the door, can be purchased at the Moulin Rouge.

This live concert is an M.O.W. Production. For more information, call 648-5040.

### ROWE

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'87 will be featured in "All That Jazz" presented by the United Negro College Fund's W'Chester Campaign. This July event is all part of the group's effort to raise \$100G's before the Lou Rawls telethon... Stan Shaw will star in "Booker" for ABC-TV. The 10 hour mini-series will deal with the triumphs and failure of an African-American family in the midwest. Cameras will roll out Chicago-way in Nov. It's an Alex Haley creation... Those upset because African-Americans were ignored in films dealing with the Anglo community's catharsis of the Vietnam War, need only read "Bloods: An Oral History of the Vietnam War by Black Veterans." Edited by Wallace Terry it was published in '84. Hope filmmakers St. Claire Bourne, Jr., Bill Greaves, Spike Lee, Robert Townsend and Sidney Poitier hear the call... The Black Pattie Foundation, under the leadership of Delilah Jackson, inducted a bevy of former chorus girls into its Hall of Fame. Leonard Reed was the star attraction at this event held at the American Museum of Natural History. Inductees were: Marion Coles, Hy Curtis, Elvera "Baby Sanchez" Davis, Marion Egbert, Edwina Evelyn, Francine Everett, Naomi Gay, Edna Mae Harris, Vivian Harris, Chickie Martin, Estralita Morse, and Bertie Lou Woods. Hibby Brown was inducted posthumously.

**SUMMER FUN** — With the 11th Annual "Family Affair" right around the corner, Jack-the-Rapper's warning to freeloaders and cokeheads is "Stay Clear"... Jack's grandson, Rip, may be headed for the PGA Tour. The

So. Carolina State Univ. Student did very well at the first Nat'l Minority College Golf Championship in Cleveland. 16 Afro-American colleges were represented by 132 of the country's best golfers... Morehouse grads were saddened and shocked to hear about the death of Wendell P. Whalum. He chaired the school's music dept. and conducted its famous choir.

**TOO BAD** — Harvard Prof. Glenn C. Loury lost his temper and allegedly beat his girlfriend Pamela Foster. The end result was an arrest which forced him to pull out of the running for Under Sec'y. U.S. Education Dept., the number two spot. The word in D.C. is that he was a shoe-in. Although his resume states that he shared a home in Cambridge, Ma., with his wife Linda, a Tufts Univ. economics prof., Foster said that they had rented their Boston digs until August. Considered a conservative, Loury has spoken out against affirmative action and minority hiring goals... The 78th confab of the NAACP in N'York has 17 hours and 50 mins. worth of luncheons, meetings, brunches and dinners for its youth delegates... The Nat'l Urban League is raffling off a Mercury Sable Wagon GS and Ford Taurus LX during its annual fundraiser... When Clara King-Williams returned to her native Florida from New York and became Mayor of Riviera Beach, her Apple-based friends were not surprised. The keys to city hall went from one Black hand to another. She unseated a man who had been there for 10 years. This racially mixed city is right next door to West Palm Beach... It's an honor for Nancy Hite to Typesit for syndicated columnist Billy Rowe..

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