



HO! HO! HO! AS SANTA LOADS HIS SLEIGH WITH MANY GIFTS FOR THE GIVING. I had a long talk with my CHOCOLATE SANTA and he let me in on what some of our OH-SO-LA-LA CELEBRITIES' request for Christmas. Now, are you ready cause HERE WE GO...

THE SILVER STATE OF LAS VEGAS ASKED FOR SOME "RHYTHM NATION," AND THEY GOT IT THIS WEEK WITH DON HEARON'S FIRST ANNUAL MUSIC EXPO AT THE CASHMAN FIELD CONVENTION COMPLEX ON DECEMBER 17 THOUGH THE 19, 1992. AS MICHAEL JACKSON WOULD SAY, "I'LL BE THERE!" SO, COME BY AND VISIT MY "KIMBERLY'S ENTERTAINMENT GOSSIP BOOTH! WE CAN THROW THE DIRT AROUND. WHITNEY HOUSTON asked SANTA to take her BACK TO THE FUTURE so that she would know if her BOBBY BABY is a real ALL TRUE MAN! OPRAH WINFREY'S soon to be HUBBY STEADMAN asked for another chance to state to his HEFTY TALK SHOW HONEY if he REALLY wanted a prenuptial agreement. OPRAH'S Christmas present would be a "CHECK BABY, CHECK BABY, 1-2-3."

MICHAEL JACKSON asked for his family to "LEAVE HIM ALONE!" JOE JACKSON asked for a LATOYA JACKSON CHOKE HOLD! LATOYA JACKSON asked for another night to perform at the SANDS HOTEL! THE SANDS HOTEL asked for a LATOYA JACKSON STATION BREAK! ARSENIO HALL asked for his friend, EDDIE MURPHY, back, and a case of SLIM FAST. EDDIE MURPHY asked for his industry POWER back. JASMINE GUY asked for a different time slot, because MARTIN is killing the WORLD IN A DIFFERENT WAY! SHA-NAE-NAE asked for a date with the LOVE CAPTAIN, L.C. SPIKE LEE asked for another hit success "X" movie. DENZEL WASHINGTON asked for the OSCAR, and for his private life to remain private. DEBBIE ALLEN asked for another chance to tell the world, "I AM STRONG, BLACK, DIVINE, CONFIDENT and SO ON!" NORM NIXON asked for a DEBBIE ALLEN' MUZZLE! VANESSA WILLIAMS asked for another COMFORT ZONE, and HUBBY RAMONE asked for his wife back, and a BOO-HOO TISSUE! PRINCE asked for a SHAKING ASS, and PAULA ABDUL asked for a DIMPLE FREE ONE. JAMES INGRAM asked for another hit record, and KEENAN IVORY WAYANS asked for SOME-MO-HAIR. SOME community folks asked for a new N.A.A.C.P. president, and they didn't realize that they had one. WHERE WERE YOU, WHEN SCOTTIE WAS DOING THE DO? Last but not least, I asked for LOVE, PEACE, AND POSITIVE GROWTH for my BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED ME ALL THROUGH THE YEAR. THANK FOR BEING THERE! Until we get BACK IN THE BLACK, REMEMBER, LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU IN 1992, AND SET YOU FREE IN 1993!

## 'LOU RAWLS PARADE OF STARS' TELETHON IS NATIONAL SHOWCASE FOR ENTERTAINMENT LEGENDS & RISING STARS

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 4, 1992

— Each year, as the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon is beamed into millions of homes across America, viewers of the holiday special are entertained by a celebrity roster that includes many of the most accomplished stars in show business, and cast of promising newcomers.

That recipe for success will be repeated this year on Saturday, Dec. 26, when more than 50 celebrities take their places on center stage for the 13th annual "Parade of Stars" extravaganza. Proceeds from the star-studded show benefit the 41 private, historically Black Colleges and universities represented by the United Negro College Fund (UNCF).

The distinguished credentials of telethon host Lou Rawls is typical of the many "legends" who will appear on this year's show. Rawls, a Chicago native, has won four Grammy Awards during his career, and he has recorded one platinum and six gold albums, plus a gold single.

Rawls attributes the success of the telethon to the dynamic entertainment that is showcased each year, and the public's commitment to support educational opportunities.

"The 'Parade of Stars' is more than just a name," Rawls says. "It is a true description of what takes place for seven prime-time television hours, with support for a truly deserving cause."

The celebrity lineup for this year's show, according to Rawls, is one of the best I've ever seen. Among the mega-stars to appear this year are Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, Frank Sinatra, Dionne Warwick, Bill Cosby and Aretha Franklin. Each of these stars has a long list of accomplishments that are sure to land



enVogue will be one of the many featured performers at the 'Lou Rawls Parade of Stars' telethon

them in the music "Hall of Fame."

Michael Jackson, whose ascendancy to greatness was recently detailed in a television special about his family, will join the "Parade of Stars" for the first time. Jackson, who supports the UNCF with his own scholarship program, accounted for sales of more than 110 million records during the 1980s, including the greatest selling album of all time, "Thriller."

His most recent recording, "Dangerous," has already sold over 14 million copies worldwide, and features such hits as "Black or White," "Remember The Time," and "Jam."

Whitney Houston, another long-time supporter of the College Fund, is regarded by many music critics as today's best female vocalist. She has won two Grammy Awards, eleven American Music Awards, and two Emmy Awards.

Her first album, "Whitney Houston," continues to be the best-selling debut album by a solo

artist, and she established an all-time record as the only artist to achieve seven consecutive #1 hits.

Houston recently made her acting debut in the movie "The Bodyguard," and is a strong favorite to win an Oscar for the movie's featured song, "I Will Always Love You."

Returning to this year's "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" lineup for a second time will be one of the world's leading performers of popular music — Frank Sinatra. Known by several nicknames, including "The Chairman of the Board" and "ol' Blue Eyes," Sinatra has received numerous honors and awards in recognition of his many charitable endeavors.

Sinatra's career, which includes acting roles in more than 50 films, some of which he pro-

duced and directed, is studded with many accolades, including Oscars, Grammys, Emmys and prestigious Peabody Award. He has played major roles in the inaugurations of American Presidents, and he continues to play to sold-out audiences around the world.

With the likes of these great entertainers, and many others, the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon promises to be one of television's best holiday specials. The show will emanate from the Aquarius Theatre in Hollywood, and from the historic Apollo Theatre in Harlem.

Rawls's co-hosts for the show — Marilyn McCoo, Ed McMahon and Nancy Wilson — are also established superstars whose names are well established on the "Parade of Stars" billboard.

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