

Throwback: Rufus Featuring Chaka Khan: Stop On By



Rufus featuring Chaka Khan, covered Bobby Womack's "Stop On By" for their 1974 album, *Rufusized*. The band had broken through with their sophomore album, *Rags to Rufus*, thanks to the Stevie Wonder composition "Tell Me Something Good" and "You Got The Love," written by Khan and Ray Parker Jr. They didn't want to lose their momentum so they quickly recorded *Rufusized*. Womack and Truman Thomas wrote "You're Welcome, Stop On By," which appeared on Womack's 1974 album, *Lookin' for a Love Again*. Commercially speaking, *Rufusized* was driven

by the singles “Once You Get Started” and “Please Pardon Me (You Remind Me Of A Friend)” leaving the band’s cover of “Stop On By” as an album cut. Black radio played the song during night programming and fans were happy to compare both versions since they came out the same year.

Rufusized went platinum and hit the Top Ten on the pop and R&B charts. Their third album announced their arrival as a certified mainstream attraction and tour headliner. Rufus dissolved after their 1983 final studio album, *Seal in Red*. Chaka Khan had started her solo career in 1978 and those obligations made her role in Rufus difficult. Khan released her 11th studio album, *Hello Happiness*, in 2019. In 2023, Chaka Khan was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Khan is part of The Queens Tour lineup with Stephanie Mills, Patti LaBelle, and Gladys Knight kicking off in the spring of 2025.