

# Chaka Khan's Tiny Desk Concert

The legendary Chaka Khan aka the Queen of Funk Soul graced the Tiny Desk room to give a show for Black Music Month. NPR wanted to showcase nine Black women artists and Khan is one of them. Khan performs seven of her classics with her band and trio of backup singers including Trina Broussard, Tiffany Smith, and Audrey Wheeler-Downing the lead singer of the '80s New York dance band Unlimited Touch. By the time Khan gets to "Sweet Thing," the audience is singing with and without her. She ends her set with the Ashford & Simpson-penned "I'm Every Woman." Chaka Khan is on [tour](#) this summer.

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## Chaka Khan, Missy Elliott, The Spinners & DJ Kool Herc & George Michael Were Inducted Into The Rock & Roll Hall Of Fame

Missy Elliott, DJ Kool Herc, The Spinners, Chaka Khan, George Michael, and Don Cornelius were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Elliott is the first female rapper to have the honor. Queen Latifah introduced Elliott before she performed a medley of her hits onstage at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn during the induction ceremony on Saturday, November 4th. Jazmine Sullivan introduced Khan, who performed "I Feel For You" with Common rapping Melle Mel's part. H.E.R.

and Sia joined her while she sang “Ain’t Nobody,” “Sweet Thing,” and “I’m Every Woman.” Khan brought Tony Maiden from Rufus after she accepted her award. New Edition put on a well-choreographed show in tribute to The Spinners, while a Soul Train scenario played out in the background in honor of Don Cornelius. LL Cool J inducted Kool Herc, who accepted his award with his sister Cindy. Andrew Ridgeley, who was one-half of Wham with Michael, inducted his later former bandmate. Miguel, Adam Levine, and Carrie Underwood performed some of Michael’s classics, including “Careless Whisper” and “Faith.”

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## **Whitney Houston, Biggie Smalls, Kraftwerk & Rufus Feat. Chaka Khan Nominated For 2020 Rock Hall Of Fame**



The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame has announced its 2020 nominees. The Notorious B.I.G., Whitney Houston, Rufus featuring Chaka Khan and Kraftwerk are among those who may join the 2020 class. Fans can vote via [Google](#) every day until January 10, 2020, and can choose up to five nominees. The top five artists will constitute a fans’ ballot and will be counted along with the other ballots. The ceremony will take place on May 2nd at Public Auditorium in Cleveland, Ohio. For more information go to the [official site](#).Â

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# Chaka's Travels



## 1973: Rufus

First female leader of a funk band.

Rufus proudly explores the dimensions of rock and soul via Ike and Tina Turner in their sound.



## 1974: Rags To Rufus

Stevie Wonder writes their first hit ["Tell Me Something Good"](#) and the song wins a Grammy.



## 1974: Rufusized

Records party anthems ["Once You Get Started,"](#)

Covers Bobby Womack's "Stop On By" and writes "Packed My Bags" with Tony Maiden and Ray Parker Jr.



## 1975: Rufus featuring Chaka Khan

The Birth of ["Sweet Thing."](#)



## 1977: Ask Rufus

"Hollywood" "At Midnight" and ["Everlasting Love"](#) strengthen the Chaka with Rufus legacy.



## 1978: Street Player

Powerful ballad "Stay" confirms Chaka's skill at slow

love songs.



### **1979: [Masterjam](#)**

Quincy Jones produces new cultural mainstays "Heavenbound" ["Do You Love What You Feel"](#) and "Any Love."



### **1980: [Naughty](#)**

"Clouds" and "Papillon (A.K.A. Hot Butterfly)" satisfy. Whitney Houston, Cissy Houston and Luther Vandross sing back-up on "Papillon" (Hot Butterfly.)




### **1981: [Camouflage](#)**

"Sharing The Love" and "Better Together" are worth the trip. Rene and Angela and Greg Phillinganes make guest appearances.



### **1981: [What Cha' Gonna Do for Me](#)**

The title song maximizes Chaka's combustibile vocals to give her a second number one R & B hit. And she experiences more popularity with the jazz crowd with "And The Melody Still Lingers On (A Night In Tunisia)." 

### **1982: [Echoes of an Era](#)**

Commits to a full album of jazz with guests Freddie Hubbard, Chick Corea, Joe Henderson, Lenny White and Stanley Clarke.



### **1982: [Chaka Khan](#)**

Covers "Got To Be There" and flexes her range with "BeBop Melody"



### **1983: [Stompin' at the Savoy \(Live\)](#)**

A combination live album and new studio material. "Ain't

Nobodyâ€™ first appears on the radar.



### **1984:I Feel For You**

Before New Jack Swing and Hip-Hop Soul Chaka sings on the first Hip-Hop and R&B collaboration by covering Princeâ€™s [“I Feel For You”](#) with Melle Mel.Stevie Wonder plays the Harmonica.



### **1986:Destiny**

Big vocals, rock guitar and synthesizers provide some of the better music with that â€˜80â€™s sound. The title song had a big spot in Richard Pryorâ€™s autobiographical film Jojo Dancer.



### **1988:C.K.**

Another visit of great songs with an excellent vocalist â€œBaby Meâ€ was the most commercial of this collection that missed larger audiences.



### **1989:Life Is a Dance (The Remix Project)**

Fun remix project where people like Tony Humphries and Hank Shocklee remake her classics.



### **1992: The Woman I Am**

Positive uptempo â€œLove You All My Lifetimeâ€ becomes a hot club tune.



### **1996 Epiphany: The Best Of Chaka Khan, Volume One.**

A survey of Chakaâ€™s solo material and better songs with Rufus. The surprise is [â€œMiss The Waterâ€](#) with funk mystic Meshell Ndegeocello.



### **1996: The Very Best of Rufus featuring Chaka Khan**

A sampler of the band's most popular songs.



### **1998: Come 2 My House**

Funkin fun with Prince, Larry Graham and Queen Latifah. A Sandra St. Victor song "Never Be Another Fool" gets a video of Chaka playing

Drums.



### **2004: Classikhan**

Film songs and jazz classics Cha-ka-fied with The London Symphony Orchestra.



### **2007: Funk This**

Her ultimate return to form with half classic and half new material. She grooves with Tony Maiden and Mary J. Blige.