

Liberation Tour 1985 To Give Fairgrounds Performance

In what is being called the Liberation Tour 1985, reggae groups Steele Pulse and AAE (Awareness Art Ensemble) will be performing at the Metrolina Fairgrounds Friday, October 18, beginning at 8 p.m. This production is being brought to Charlotte by Wada Productions.

For those of you who aren't aware, Steele Pulse is one of the hottest bands in the country. The Birmingham, England, reggae band is known throughout Japan, Africa, and North and South America. They made their debut album for Elektra Records in '82. "True Democracy," as the album was titled became the band's most critically-acclaimed and best selling LP as well as the most successful reggae album of the year.

"Earth Crisis," their latest endeavor, carries on the artistic and commercial strides made by "True Democracy." The album was recorded digitally, creatively uses synthesizers and is filled with songs with lyrics that observe modern struggles—political, social, economic, ecologic, romantic, and spiritual.

Steele Pulse came together as a band in 1975. David Hinds, Sewlyn Brown, Steve Nesbitt, Basil Gabbidon, and Ronnie McQueen got the idea of forming a band after hearing Bob Marley's "Catch A Fire" album. Sunday rehearsals, and doing cover versions of other groups' music lasted for awhile and then in '76, Steele Pulse began developing their original repertoire.

They recorded three albums for Island Records, "Handworth Revolution," "Tribute to The Martyrs," and "Reggae Fever," before signing with Elektra Records in '81. Behind the social message in their music Steele Pulse has one other message they want to get across to listeners and that is: "It's all right to think and dance at the

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same time." Not having national reggae acts to perform in the Charlotte area, it is indeed gratifying to know that a group as professional as Awareness Art Ensemble is around. The group consists of I Life, percussionist; Ras Wee, drummer; Chuck X, bassist; Ojuleba, keyboardist; Bongo Mel, guitarist; and Olamina, lead vocalist.

This concert will follow a press conference at Johnson C. Smith at 1 p.m. that will feature Randall Robinson, executive director of TransAfrica, Steele Pulse, Mayor Harvey Gantt, and representative of South Africa Student Organization. This event is being sponsored by the Pan African Resource and Cultural Center.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 the day of the show. You can call 394-7736 for more information.

FOCUS
FOCUS, Planned Parenthood's Teen-Family Life Theatre, will hold its premiere performance of the '85-'86 season Saturday, October 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Charlotte Country Day School Auditorium. Admission is free, open to the public, and by reservations only. Call 704-377-0841, Monday - Friday, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., by October 22 for tickets and information.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL
The Home Schools Association of Assumption Catholic School will present a Halloween Carnival-Fall Festival on Saturday, October 26, from 10 a.m.

until 5:30 p.m. A haunted house, hot dogs and games are planned to make this day a fun one. Plus, at 6:45 p.m., there will be a spaghetti dinner with adult bingo to follow. For more details, call 399-2396 or 375-9717.

WFAE
WFAE, FM 91, will host internationally-acclaimed jazz pianist Loonis Mc-

Glohon and his Trio in a free concert on Thursday, October 24, at 7 p.m. "This is a rare opportunity to hear a free, public performance by Loonis' trio," stated WFAE jazz director Paul Stribling. Co-sponsored by the University Programming Board, this concert inaugurates "Jazzing III," a weekend of jazz concerts at UNCC. For

more information, call 597-2521.

DISNEY WORLD
If you happen to be in Florida on Saturday, October 26, and if you're anywhere near Disney World, you just might want to check out Whitney Houston. She'll be headlining the Walt Disney World Halloween On-Stage concert which will begin at 9 p.m. Tickets are

\$15.95 in advance and \$16.95 at the gate.

ORATORIO SINGERS
The Oratorio Singers of Charlotte has announced its 35th anniversary of season performance with a premiere performance of "Elijah" on November 23. Season tickets are \$22 and \$12.50 for senior citizens and students. For more information, call 332-8151.

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Fatalities wearing seat belts 22

Total Fatalities 1984 1,448
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