

# BOYCOTT RAY CHARLES

## JOIN THE PICKET

Friday, October 25, 1985 8:00 p.m.

Palace Theatre, Albany, N.Y.

Demonstration and Picket Line begin at 6:30

RAY  
CHARLES



SOLD OUT  
TO  
APARTHEID  
ALBANY, N.Y.

### Why Boycott Ray Charles?

In October of 1980 Ray Charles performed in apartheid South Africa. Before he went to South Africa, Ray received several requests to reconsider "playing along" with the apartheid regime. Southern Africa liberation groups - the African National Congress (ANC) and the South West Africa Peoples Organization (SWAPO) - and the Organization of African Unity (OAU) were among those asking Ray not to collaborate with the Afrikaners.

In addition to those requests, Ray was made aware of the United Nations boycott against cultural exchanges with the apartheid state and the international campaign to isolate the racists.

### South Africa Tour Particularly Offensive

Ray's tour of South Africa was particularly offensive. One of his concerts was scheduled in Soweto on October 19th - a day reserved by Blacks for anti-apartheid protests in commemoration of the banning of 18 organizations and the jailing of over fifty leading activists on that date in 1977. The people organized a boycott of this performance. Only 30 people showed up and the concert was cancelled. Later concerts were cancelled as well and his entourage was stoned by Black protesters.

### "Honorary White" !!!

In spite of many pressures, Ray refused to cancel out the gig and chose instead to accept the status of "honorary white" from the apartheid government so that he could perform in South Africa and have the privilege, denied to his Black brothers, to travel freely in that land.

Even while he was there conducting his concert tour of sixteen cities, Mfanafuthi Johnstone Makatini, then the chief representative of the ANC to the U.N. issued a plea to Ray to "stop collaborating" and "stabbing the aspirations of the people of South Africa in the back and come home." Ray ignored this plea and continued to let the "blood money roll."

### What about "integrated" audiences?

Ray claimed he was playing before integrated audiences and offered that as a justification of his tour. First of all, integrated audiences are just a trick by the government to convince people there is reform - integrated audiences exist only by special permit by the government while life outside the concert hall is still totally controlled by rigid apartheid laws. Secondly, Blacks in South Africa don't care about integrated audiences - they care about political freedom and basic human dignity. Ray makes a mockery of the anti-apartheid struggle when he justifies his trip with the excuse of an integrated audience.

Partial List of Endorsers: NAACP, Albany Branch, Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), Blacks in Government (BIG), Central America Solidarity Alliance (CASA), S.A.S.U.

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# RAY CHARLES HAS ISOLATED HIMSELF - ISOLATE HIM

Ray Charles has isolated himself from the hundreds of entertainers who have refused to be lured by blood money. He has isolated himself from others - the Temptations, Tina Turner, the Mighty Clouds of Joy, Chick Corea, Kenny Rogers, George Benson, the O.J.'s - who have entertained in South Africa and later have acknowledged their error and vowed never to return until there is Black majority rule.

We are asking Ray to openly acknowledge his error or performing for apartheid and promise not to return to South Africa until apartheid is ended. We are asking him to make a stand against the most racist society on earth. We are asking you to boycott his performance and join a demonstration against Ray Charles. This is what Black South Africans want. We support them. Join in this support.

Support  
the  
cultural  
boycott

Isolate  
apartheid  
South Africa

Boycott  
entertainers  
who  
violate  
United Nations  
ban



America  
Bob Anderson  
\*\*Paul Anka  
David Baca  
Cliff Barnes  
Shirley Bassey  
\*\*George Benson  
\*\*Brook Benton  
C.L. Blast  
Ernest Bourgnine  
Beach Boys  
Gwen Brisco  
Shirley Brown  
Nina Burrell  
Glen Campbell  
Colin Carr  
Clarence Carter  
Monk Channing  
Ray Charles  
Cher  
Chicago  
Jimmy Cliff  
Billy Cobham  
Pete & Conte Condoli  
Rita Coolidge  
\*\*Chick Corea  
\*\*Andrew Crouch  
Danibelle  
Henry "Manolito" Darrow  
"Devine"  
Joe Dolan  
\*\*Lou Donaldson  
Lamont Dozier  
The Drifters  
Jack duPree  
Ecstasy Passion & Pain  
Carla Fontana  
George Forest  
Midel Fox  
Don Francisco  
Buddy de Franco  
Aretha Franklin  
Gloria Gaynor  
Terry Gibbs  
Nikki Giovanni  
Glide" Breakdancer,  
Members of the  
Dynamic Rockers  
Francis Grier  
Jack Gregg  
David Hasselhof  
Richard Hatch  
Goldie Hawn  
Isaac Hayes  
Joe Henderson  
\*\*Howard Hesseman  
"Dr. Johnny Fever"  
Richard Groove Holmes  
Jimmy Bo Horne  
Susan Howard  
Julius Talents

Janis Ian  
\*\*Millie Jackson  
Willis "Gator Tail"  
Jackson  
Elton John  
Jack Jones  
Tom Jones  
Fern Kinney  
Eartha Kitt  
Louis Lane  
Jiaime Laredo  
Mary Larkin  
Liberace  
Jerry Loren  
Love Machine  
Main Ingredient  
Mancer Dancers  
& Reborn  
Barry Manilow  
Ann Margaret  
Barry Martin  
Johnny Mathis  
Mattison Brothers  
\*\*Curtis Mayfield  
George McCrae  
\*\*Mighty Clouds of Joy  
\*\*Stephanie Mills  
Liza Minelli  
Ella Mitchell  
\*\*James Moody  
Olivia Newton-John  
Linda Oliphant  
Osmonds  
Charles Pace  
Dolly Parton  
Wilson Pickett  
The Platters  
Barbara Ray  
Helen Reddy  
Della Reese  
Tim Reid "Venus Flytrap"  
Linda Ronstadt  
\*\*Kenny Rogers  
Richard Roundtree  
Telly Savalas  
Leo Sayer  
Shirley Scott  
Neil Sedaka  
George Shearing  
Sha Na Na  
Frank Sinatra  
Percy Sledge  
Jimmy Smith  
Diane Solomon  
\*\*The Staple Singers  
Edwin Star  
Candi Staton  
Dakota Staton  
Rod Stewart  
The Supremes

Brian Tarff  
Buddy Tate  
\*\*The Temptations  
John Thomas  
Rufus Thomas  
Timmy Thomas  
Bross Townsend  
\*\*Tina Turner  
\*\*Stanley Turrentine  
Two Tons of Fun  
The Variations  
Village People  
Lovelace Watkins  
Wavey Legs (From Glide)  
Al Wilson  
Jimmy Witherspoon  
\*\*Betty Wright  
Robert Wright  
The Younghearts  
Pia Zadora  
Mike Zwern

This list is based on a list comprised by two New York City based organizations, the Patrice Lumumba Coalition and AJASS, based on research done by Michael C. Beaubien and the United Nations Centre Against Apartheid.

**\*\* VOWED NOT TO RETURN**

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