



Whitney Houston delights audiences as she headlines her first U.S. tour.

Her brother Gary joins her on stage to harmonize in a rousing duet.



## WHITNEY HOUSTON Headlines Her First Tour Across The Country

When sultry Whitney Houston opens her concert singing Michael Jackson's *Wanna Be Startin' Something*, she means what she sings.

The 23-year-old songstress, who won her first Grammy Award earlier this year, is indeed starting something big as she headlines her first U.S. tour. What she is starting is superstardom status. Last year, she opened for crooners Jeffrey Osborne and Luther Vandross. This year, the alluring performer is the headliner at major theatres and arenas across the country.

"I've decided this tour is your tour," she tells her audience. "This show is your show." Explaining the difference between being an opening act and a headliner, she says, "The show has to be a lot bigger. It's kind of like a production thing now."

Her mother, soul and gospel singer Cissy Houston, helped her put the show together. It lasts slightly more than 90 minutes and has been receiving rave reviews from critics. Ms. Houston hired a choreographer and a lighting designer to give her show a more dazzling effect. Young New Jersey comedienne Sylvia Trey-moore opens the show and does

hilarious impersonations of such stars as Ms. Houston's legendary cousin Dionne Warwick, Tina Turner, Cher and others.

Backed with a 9-piece band and four backup vocalists, including her brother, Gary Garland, Ms. Houston also introduces two new tunes from her album scheduled for release in January: *I Want To Dance With Somebody*, a funky, uptempo tune, and the Michael Masser ballad, *Didn't We Almost Have It All*.

Returning to her gospel roots, Ms. Houston performs the gospel tune, *I Believe*, which her mother taught her years ago.

"I don't think I could do a show without (gospel) being a part of it," she says. "It's a part of me. It's part of my voice and part of my life." She adds, "Someday I would like to do a gospel album and record with my mother and Dionne."

In her sizzling show, she also performs her number one hits in-



Ms. Houston says she was inspired to sing by her mother, soul-gospel vocalist Cissy Houston.

cluding *You Give Good Love*, *Saving All My Love For You*, *How Will I Know* and the *Greatest*

Ms. Houston displays a Boston Herald anti-drug bumper sticker during her appearance in the city. At right, she accepts an award and proclamation declaring a day in her honor from Boston Mayor Ray Flynn.



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A star's star, Whitney Houston has become a favorite of such stars as Eddie Murphy, Philip Bailey and TV actor Malcolm-Jamal Warner.

### She Dazzles Audience With Her Electrifying Hit Songs

**Love Of All.** Her self-titled debut album has sold 11 million copies worldwide and is the biggest selling debut album of any recording artist.

Reflecting on her first headline tour and newfound fame, she admits that she too is amazed by her popularity. "I could not express it if I tried. It is just something that is phenomenal. All the hard work

has paid off."

She adds that God had been the key to her success. "I'm just so grateful and I'm so thankful to Him for what He's given me. So many things can happen to one who is successful, so that you can just get taken away. But the Father has kept me level. I know I can't get any bigger than Him."

—CLARENCE WALDRON

### Wonder Tells Why He Has Stuck With Motown



Stevie Wonder

Music superstar Stevie Wonder, who is one of Motown's top-selling recording artists, says that the reason he has stuck with the

label and turned down other lucrative offers is because Motown believes in him.

"I'd go to other record companies to play my songs and they'd say, yes, they liked them, but none of them were ever really behind my music. They weren't ready for the kind of futuristic music that Stevie Wonder wanted to do," Wonder explains. He joined Motown at the age of nine.

## MOVIES TO SEE

**Extremities** (Rated: R) Atlantic Releasing Corporation. The story is about a woman confronted with a sadistic, unbalanced young man who terrorizes her in her home. The two battle and through a combination of good fortune and survival instinct, the intended victim manages to entrap her assailant. She must choose between her anger and her reason, between revenge and justice. Starring: Farrah Fawcett, James Russo, Diana Scarwid and Alfre Woodard.

**The Texas Chainsaw Massacre Part 2** (Not Rated) Cannon Films, Inc. A couple of intoxicated teenage guys are out to have fun driving a gold Mercedes on a country road outside Dallas. They do all kinds of crazy things for fun. They run a pick-up truck off the road, and shoot out road signs. Suddenly, the truck they ran off the road is now driving beside them, back-

wards! A shocking figure with a chainsaw cuts into the top of the car. The family of chainsaw killers is on the loose again. Starring: Dennis Hopper, Caroline Williams, Bill Johnson, Bill Moseley and Jim Siedow.

—SYLVIA P. FLANAGAN

Massacre characters clockwise from left: Grandpa (Ken Evert), Leatherface (Bill Johnson), Cook (Jim Siedow), Chop-Top (Bill Moseley) (c), and Muppet.



Marjorie (Farrah Fawcett) confronts her attacker, Joe (James Russo) in the movie which also features her roommate (inset) Patricia (Alfre Woodard) in Extremities.

