

APRIL 1987 NEWSLETTER

20 Year Retrospective

The Mission Cultural Center in San Francisco will be hosting an exhibit celebrating and tracing the twenty-year musical career of Carlos and the Santana Band. The opening will be June 6 and the exhibit will run through the entire month. There will be photos and memorabilia spanning the entire 20 years. There will be video exhibits and some very special souvenir merchandise, including a beautiful catalogue to accompany the exhibit. The address of the center is 2868 Mission Street, telephone number (415) 821-1155. If you are going to be in San Francisco during the month of June, this exhibit will certainly be worth seeing.

Mural

There is a mural being painted by Michael Rios featuring Carlos and Armando, on South Van Ness between 22nd and 23rd streets in San Francisco. It is a beautiful mural and is very close to completion. There are many people in the Latin community who consider Carlos a positive role model and this mural has been done to honor that notion.

New Merchandise

We have three new merchandise items to offer—

TOUR BOOKS—the souvenir program book from the European tour will be sold as long as they last. This is a beautiful color book with many pictures of the band, including the current band and many of the older bands as well, and short biographies of the musicians.

POSTERS—this is the poster used throughout Europe to publicize the concerts there. This poster is 33×23 and is very similar in design to the FREEDOM album cover featuring the picture of Carlos from the album cover. These will also be sold as long as they last.

FREEDOM T-SHIRT—this t-shirt, in red or sweatshirt, white, features Carlos, Armando and Raul. It's a beautiful shirt with the word FREEDOM across the top and SANTANA 87 at the bottom.

Freedom

Thanks to all of you who have responded to the new album. The positive response is phenomenal and certainly out-numbers the very few negative responses received.

If you are not hearing the album on your local radio stations, then call them and request that they play it. Everyone has the right to hear SANTANA!

Santana in Europe

The first half of the European tour ended with two concerts in East Berlin. The response to the band in Europe was great, but especially significant in East Berlin. After the shows sold out, the promoter received an additional

200,000 written requests for tickets. Carlos gave a press conference while there and was asked what freedom means (referring to the album title). He responded by saying that America needs freedom from mental slavery and the blessing of education to uplift our morals and standards; South Africa needs every type of freedom and East Berlin needs spiritual freedom. When asked how he felt about the 200,000 requests for tickets, Carlos said that he would like to be invited back for a free concert, entrance to be determined by lottery, to be held in a large soccer stadium.

The last show ended with a stream of people coming up to the stage and presenting the band with flowers. The band and crew were so overwhelmed by the beauty of the people that there were many tear-filled eyes on the stage and in the audience. This band is really living the FREEDOM album.

The band is playing many of the songs from the FREEDOM album along with many of the old favorites. Three hours full of new drama and excitement.

The touring band lineup is: Alphonso Johnson/bass, Chester Thompson/keyboards, Graham Lear/drums, Orestes Vilato/timbales, Raul Rekow/congas, Armando Peraza/bongos, congas, Buddy Miles/vocals, and Alex Ligertwood/vocals.

The band will be touring in the United States during the summer. As soon as we have the dates we'll send out an itinerary.

Itinerary Changes

The second half of the European Freedom Tour has had some changes.

4/29 Jerusalem Israel
5/ 9 Angers France
5/10 Brest France
5/19 Wels Austria
5/24 Loreley West Germany

Random Notes

We do not sell albums through the fan club. If you are unable to find a particular album at your local record store, then ask that store to special order it for you. Unless the album is no longer being printed, it should be possible to special order it. There are some albums that are very hard to find. SWING OF DELIGHT is no longer being pressed, so it may be impossible for a record store to order it. LOTUS is an album that is pressed in Japan and comes to the United States from time to time in large international record orders. This album is also one that may be impossible to special order.

Some of you wrote in asking if it will be possible to order the new German release *Black Magic Woman*. As of now it is not possible to order—except in Germany. If this changes we'll let you know.