



with David Hamilton

Aretha's back

Aretha Franklin and Curtis Mayfield have long been leading figures on the black music scene.

And now the First Lady of Soul has combined with old Superfly and the result is an album called 'Sparkle' (Warners).

The album is the soundtrack to a successful American film all about three sisters growing up in the ghetto area of Harlem, New York.

Aretha is in fine voice these days and she really captures all the zest of the songs from the film including the three show stopers 'Hooked On Your Love', 'Look into Your Heart' and 'Jump'.

Apollo dates

Other upcoming concert dates at the Apollo include 'The Anarchy In the U.K. Tour' featuring punk-rockers The Sex Pistols, Johnny Thunder and N.Y. Dolls. The Heartbreakers, The Damned and The Clash on Wednesday, December 15; Eddie and the Hot Rods, December 19; Sydney Devine, December 20, 21 and 22; Gallagher and Lyle, Friday, January 28; Todd Rundgren, January 30; Jethro Tull, Wed-

nesday, February 2; BeBop Deluxe, February 5; Lynyrd Skynyrd February 9 and 10; Abba, February 12; Black Sabbath, Wednesday, March 2; George Hamilton IV, March 25; Glen Campbell, Friday, April 15; Johnny Math's, Friday, May 30.

Watch out for a chance to win free tickets to see Sydney Devine — AND meet him for a chat after the show.

Nice one

Included on the classic Average White Band's 'Soul Searching' is a number called 'A Love Of Your Own' written by Hamish Stuart and Ned Doheny.

The CBS single is produced by Booker T's guitarist Steve Cropper and Ned is joined by Hamish Stuart on vocals and the Tower of Power Horn section.

And finally there's still time to get your tickets for tonight's disco (Friday) in Bangour Village Recreation Hall.

Tickets can be had from the West Port Tavern Bathgate (who are also doing the bar).

Live music will be supplied by Spinning Wheel.

That's all for now. 'Bye