

# Chaka Khan

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You've just got to follow your own path. You have to trust your heart and you have to listen to the warnings.

~Chaka Khan

The bickering and fighting and hating that women do with each other - it's going to kill us as a race of people.

~Chaka Khan

It's time for those of us who have a voice to speak out for life, for love and for justice using the same media we've used throughout our careers.

~Chaka Khan

When I was in my twenties, it felt like I was riding wild horses, and I was hoping I didn't go over a cliff.

~Chaka Khan

As you get older, though, you realize there are fire extinguishers. You do have an ability to control the flames.

~Chaka Khan

But really, we also need to learn how to love one another as women. How to appreciate and respect each other.

~Chaka Khan

I want to give some positive messages and to empower some people.

~Chaka Khan

I'd been in a vicious cycle and circle of people and couldn't see my way out. So I picked myself up one day about 15 years ago and moved where I didn't know anyone.

~Chaka Khan

Painted faces, sun burnt skin, fixed expressions, smiles worn thin.

~Chaka Khan

I'm a woman and I'm a backbone...everybody needs one.

~Chaka Khan

If I wanted to fight to make a better world racially, I wouldn't be in the music business. You dig, if I were going to be a freedom fighter music is the wrong field.

~Chaka Khan

I love to sing. It's the easiest thing for me to do.

~Chaka Khan

Walking through this life really is walking through fire.

~Chaka Khan

I won't become a household word, or achieve the fame I deserve in my lifetime because of the way I look.

~Chaka Khan

I've always struggled so much just to appreciate myself.

~Chaka Khan

There are a lot of people I would have liked to have collaborated with, and would still like to.

~Chaka Khan

My philosophy is familiarity breeds contempt.

~Chaka Khan

Getting a degree, being on Sesame Street... those were like real accomplishments to me.

~Chaka Khan

But me and my sister knew all the Doris Day and Frank Sinatra songs, too.

~Chaka Khan

My mother was into opera and my father was into jazz, so there was a lot of jazz in the house where I grew up.

~Chaka Khan

If I pop everyone who calls me a diva then I'm going to spend the rest of my life in prison.

~Chaka Khan

Being a singer is a way for me to get to a platform to do more.

~Chaka Khan

In my thirties, I felt I had hold of one of the reins some of the time.

~Chaka Khan

I mean, I'm not unhappy, but there's still so much I want to do.

~Chaka Khan

There is no perfect love - that's something I'm very realistic about.

~Chaka Khan

If I love a song, I make it mine.

~Chaka Khan

Every personal experience of my life impacts my music.

~Chaka Khan

I'm an extremely determined person. I'm very serious about what I do.

~Chaka Khan

I loved him [Prince], the world loved him. Now he's at peace with his

Father. Rest in power, Prince , my brother.

~Chaka Khan

It sacrifices people's lives and their essences at the drop of a dime I had a manager once say to me, You know you're worth more money dead than alive.

~Chaka Khan

My mom took me to see Goldfinger. My mom took me to see To Sir, With Love.

~Chaka Khan

I've been collaborating with Ira Schickman on some songs, and there will be many other, great musicians involved.

~Chaka Khan

I like to work spontaneously.

~Chaka Khan

One of the album's songs features Mary J. Blige, but I don't want to talk too much about it yet. I think you will hear the music that's been playing in my head when it comes out

~Chaka Khan

Spirituality has played an amazing part. Its been paramount in my life.

~Chaka Khan

I'd like to work on putting art programs back in schools.

~Chaka Khan

I have a lot of charity work I'm into right now, and selling my Chakalates - supporting that whole effort.

~Chaka Khan

Well. I'm probably not loving myself like I should, but I'm really trying.

~Chaka Khan

If we could just see how related we all are, how we're really all in the same place.

~Chaka Khan

I have some scars... lots of internal ones. But they're all scabbed over.

~Chaka Khan

I can only give what I have. And when I receive, I give it back.

~Chaka Khan

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