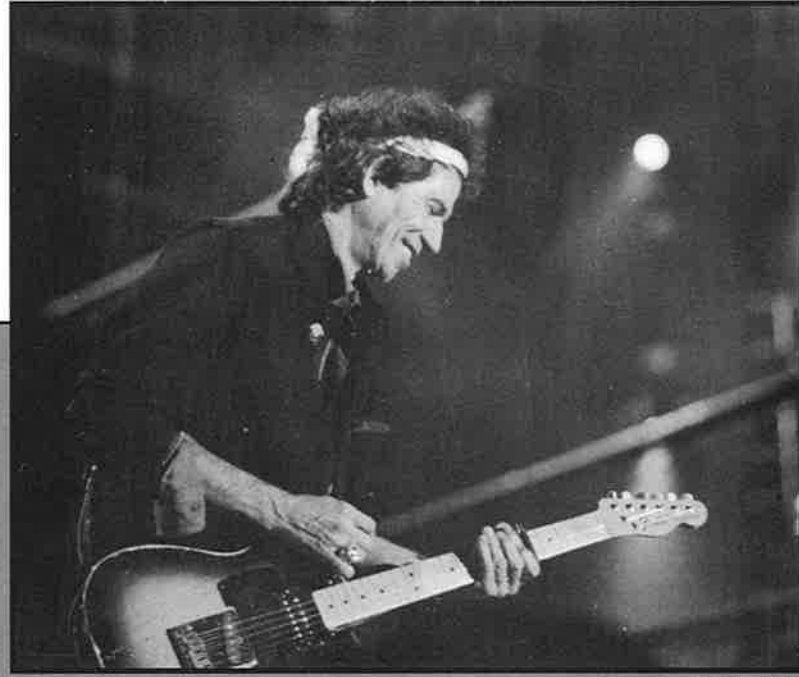


Guitarist Keith Richards flawlessly squeals out a jam with a grin a mile wide on his face.



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Rolling Stones guitarist Ron Wood strikes a chord with the greatest of ease.



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Back-up dancers and singers groove to the pumping sounds of the Rolling Stones.

Stones Hit MSU



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On September 9, 1994 Spartan Stadium held its first concert ever, hosting the legendary Rolling Stones.

Thanks to turf and stadium renovations completed just days prior to the event, including a new tunnel big enough to allow semi-trucks carrying stage and lighting props through, Michigan State University was finally able to hold a major show in the stadium which before was used only for sporting events.

Michael Cohl, the Stones tour director said that MSU was one of the first places he called after the band decided to play a selection of college campuses on its 1994 Voodoo Lounge tour.

Keith Richards, Rolling Stones guitarist, told the Detroit Free Press that the stage was designed smaller than their last tour. Located in the north endzone of the field, the Voodoo Lounge stage stretched the entire width of the stadium and measured 220 feet wide and 92 feet high. Workers began construction on the stage, which took four days to complete, in preparation for the event.

"We straightaway sat down and said, 'We're not going to do anything like what we did before,'" said Mark Fisher, stage designer

for the tour.

Lenny Kravitz opened for the Stones with a jam-packed, 45-minute warm-up set.

The Stones played a variety of songs at the show including, "It's Only Rock and Roll", "Satisfaction" and "Love is Strong", the first release off their Voodoo Lounge disc.

With so many songs under their belts, the Stones had the difficult task of shortening their original list of 70 songs down to just 27 songs.

The consensus of the crowd, was that the concert was an incredible experience.

"It was great to see a band who, in my eyes, is probably the foundation of what rock music has culminated into," said Pat Defazio, a Resource Development junior.

The Rolling Stones played for two hours in front of 46,000 people, but the East Lansing area in its entirety was engulfed in "Stones talk". The whole community was amazed that such a phenomenal group was coming to Spartan Stadium.

"This entire city had the Rolling Stones on their minds," Defazio said. "The majority of the people in the crowd were just awestruck, they were focused on this awesome presence." By Pamela Anton.

Mick Jagger belts out a tune in front of more than 46,000 fans at Spartan Stadium on September 9, 1994.