



AVA CHERRY

MUSIC INDUSTRY ADVISOR
SINGER • SONGWRITER • MODEL

BIOGRAPHY

Ava Cherry is an American singer and model whose powerful voice, commanding presence, and artistry have left a lasting mark on music history.

She collaborated with **David Bowie** between 1972 and 1975, beginning a period of personal and artistic collaboration that significantly influenced the Young Americans "blue-eyed soul" era.

Following this, she pursued a solo career and also worked as a backing artist for legendary musicians such as Luther Vandross and Chaka Khan.

Growing up in Chicago with strong exposure to the city's African-American music culture, Cherry became both an influence on prominent artists and a respected musician in her own right. Her impact on Young Americans, particularly through her connections to major soul music institutions like Sigma Sound Studios and the Apollo Theater, remains a notable part of her legacy, alongside her work with the proto-new wave band the Astronettes.

Cherry's solo career has been long-running, beginning with the release of her debut album **Ripe!!!** in 1980. Her solo work is especially known for its disco influence.

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Music has always been about connection, truth and soul. My journey is a testament to the power of collaboration and staying authentic to your voice.

Ava Cherry



BORN IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, USA
Raised in a city rich in soul, funk and African-American music culture.



GENRE INFLUENCES
Soul • Disco • Funk • R&B
Pop • New Wave



YEARS ACTIVE
1970s – Present



DEBUT ALBUM
Ripe!!! (1980)

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Collaborated with **David Bowie** (1972–1975) during the creation of **Young Americans**.
- ★ Backing vocalist for **Luther Vandross** on several recordings and tour dates.
- ★ Backing vocalist for **Chaka Khan**.
- ★ Performed at iconic venues including the Apollo Theater.
- ★ Recorded and worked at **Sigma Sound Studios** in Philadelphia.
- ★ Member of the proto-new wave band the **Astronettes**.
- ★ Released her debut solo album **Ripe!!!** in 1980.

ROLE WITH SOUNDSTAR

As Music Industry Advisor for SoundStar, Ava Cherry brings decades of experience in the studio and on stage to mentor emerging artists. She guides contestants through the creative process—from song development and vocal production to performance and artist branding—helping shape tomorrow's stars with authenticity, artistry and industry insight.

“I’m here to help artists discover who they are, own their story and share their voice with the world.”

– Ava Cherry

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