

Festival starts ethnic dates

Under the direction of the Detroit Bicentennial Commission, the Ethnic Detroit Riverfront Festival 1976 season opens with the Greek Festival May 21.

Nationalities represented in this free summer program include Greek, Irish, Slovak, German, Italian, American, Far Eastern, Captive Nations, Afro-American, Indian, Ukrainian, Polish, Scandinavian, Armenian, Mexican, Arab World and Latin American. One weekend is international, involving approximately 15 nationalities, at

this time, an International Festival Queen is chosen from representatives of each of the ethnic festivals.

Each ethnic committee coordinates sales policy, booth content, and entertainment and cultural displays depicting their nationalities. Many groups sell handicrafts of their countries. Items on sale and display range from Florentine art pieces, and African dashikis, to Greek worry beads and Asian brass trinkets.

Foods include typical foods of each culture such as German bierstisch, Greek baklava, Latin American piquero criollo, Oriental sukiyaki, Hungarian goulash and Syrian khobz.

The growth and popularity of the Riverfront Festival have encouraged other ethnic groups to organize festivals in downtown parks. An annual observance is held in Greektown and a French Market Place in the Kern Block complements the ongoing riverfront activity.

Entertainment is one of the most popular aspects of each weekend. Several groups import talent from their countries and also use local performers for continuous entertainment. Sord dancers, belly dancers, sing-alongs, Japanese enbu dances, pinatas for the kids and folk dances are examples of the various free performances in the festivals.

An overall theme of the Detroit Bicentennial Commission is ethnicity. The festivals along with other ethnic projects such as ethnic heritage rooms at Wayne State University, and many others fall under this very important theme. The nationalities represented in Detroit make numerous contributions to the City.

Each ethnic festival has an opening ceremony Fridays at 6 p.m. Introductions of dignitaries, presentation of the queen and her court, and an ethnic dance or musical performance officially open the festival. The festivals begin at noon Saturdays and Sundays and close each night at 11 p.m.

The free ethnic festivals are a major tourist attraction for Detroit and they bring local citizens into the downtown area, creating pride and a better moral climate throughout the community.

As in the case of the Far Eastern, Latin American and Captive Nations festivals, that have approximately 23 ethnic groups participating, this activity promotes cooperation among ethnic communities.

1976 Ethnic Festival dates include: May 21-23 — Greek; May 28-30 (Memorial Day) — Irish; June 4-6 — Far Eastern; June 11-13 — German; June 18-20 — Italian; June 25-28 — French; June 25-27 — Slovak; July 2-4 — Greek (Greektown); July 2-5 (Independence Day) — American; July 9-11 — Captive Nations; July 16-18 — Afro-American; July 25-25 — Armenian; July 30-August 1 — Ukrainian; August 6-8 — Arab World; August 13-15 — Polish; August 20-22 — Scandinavian; August 27-29 — India; September 3-6 (Labor Day) — Latin American; September 10-12 — Mexican and September 17-19 — International.



Starring Josh White

Folksinger Josh White Jr. has returned to the Raven Gallery for a two-week engagement through May 23. Show times at the coffeehouse, in Southfield are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday at 9:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 9:30 and 11:30 p.m.

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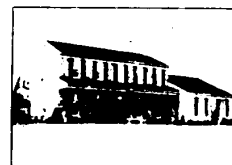
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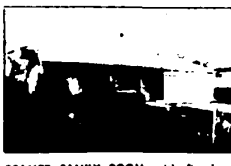
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