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A big blast of pyrotechnic marvels will lead off the start of the fireworks when a barrage of 150 shells crackle in the night air. The fireworks are scheduled for 10:10 p.m. Saturday, July 1. In case of rain, the fireworks will go off the next dry night.

City fireworks display grows

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If you never "oohhed" or "aahhed" before at any fireworks display, you will this year. Guaranteed. Why? Because the Zambellis are back, that's why.

The Zambellis, America's first family of pyrotechny (the official term for fireworks), are back in town for the "Star Spangled Southfield" Festival '89 and will light up the heavens at 10:10 p.m. Saturday, July 1. In case of rain, the show will go on the next clear night.

The festival fireworks display will be presented for the fourth consecutive year by Zambelli Internationale Fireworks Co., America's best-known

manufacturer of display fireworks. It is the second largest show in Michigan. Only the Detroit show, also put on this year by the Zambellis, is larger.

THE ZAMBELLIS have put on some of the best-known fireworks displays in this century, including the 100th anniversary celebration of the Statue of Liberty, July 4, 1986, at Ellis Island, and a spectacular showing at a White House celebration in 1987.

Internationally, the Zambellis have produced fireworks shows for such prestigious events as the Independent Show of Kuwait, the return of the Queen Elizabeth II ocean liner from the Falkland Islands, the papal visit and the Canadian National Exhibit.

In America, celebrations such as President Nixon's "Honor America Day," Elvis Presley memorials, Boy Scout gatherings and weddings have been made memorable by Zambellis colorful displays, musical pops, booms and bangs.

Italian fireworks maker Antonio Zambelli came to America in 1893 and settled in New Castle, Pa., which soon became the home of his fireworks company. At one time, New Castle was home to 25 percent of America's fireworks manufacturers, but today just Zambelli thrives.

ANTONIO ZAMBELLI'S sons, Joseph, Louis and George, followed him into the business and operate Zambelli Internationale Fireworks Co. today.

George Zambelli, a Duquesne University graduate, became the president of the company. Louis and George operate the company's two manufacturing facilities in Pennsylvania.

If you missed last year's fireworks display, make sure you catch the '89 festivities.

This year's show is said to be half again as big as last year's impressive pyrotechnics. There will be 150 shells going up in the opening barrage. The finale will have 500 shells. Some of the shells are as large as 14 inches in diameter.

Preceding the show, sidewalk entertainers such as mimes and jugglers will entertain on two stages on the front lawn of the Civic Center. They are sponsored by Evergreen Plaza.

Free concerts open, close city's festival

This year's Star-Spangled Southfield Festival will be drumming up some fun starting with a free kick-off concert on Wednesday, June 28, to a free closing concert on Sunday, July 9.

Operating under the theme, "Southfield — For the Fun of It All," the festival begins with the 70th Division U.S. Army Reserve Band at 7 p.m. June 28 in the gazebo at the historic

Burgh site, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph.

New to this year's festival is the Varsity Dance Showcase, starring the Brigham Young University Dancers in a variety of routines, at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 29, and Friday, June 30, at Lawrence Technological University. Call 356-0200 Ext. 2200 for ticket in-

formation.

The USA Liberty II Show, starring more than 200 performers in a patriotic musical show is set for 8 p.m. July 1 at the Southfield Civic Center court area, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center. In case of rain, the program will be moved indoors.

TICKETS FOR the show, on sale at

the civic center arena, are \$5 in advance and \$8 on the day of the show. The concert includes up front, best view seats for the fireworks which follow.

Included in the concert are patriotic images, on-stage fireworks and three

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