

Stargazin' Summer musical season heats up at Meadowbrook

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Oakland University (OU) in Rochester Hills has the rare distinction of offering concerts, comedy, special events, fairs, festivals and fireworks this summer on its grounds at the AT&T Meadow Brook Summer Music Festival.

Under the management of Olympia Arenas, Inc. (OAI), the OU festival is sponsoring more than 30 events for audiences of all ages, beginning with the Meadow Brook Landscape and Garden Show, June 11-13, as the first special event. The theater musical venues open with 10,000 Maniacs in concert on June 15.

Meadow Brook Music Festival grounds open when the box office opens. Hours are noon to 6 p.m., weekdays. On show days, the box office is open from noon to 5 p.m. and from 6 p.m. through the start of the shows.

People are welcome to stroll through the Meadow Brook Gardens during the day and to come back and enjoy the barrier-free festival's

ambiance during a concert.

This summer's season features entertainment through the end of August. Some of the events are new; some are long-time favorites.

The Oldies Show, scheduled for July 3, features disc jockey Wolfman Jack, as well as The Drifters, The Coasters and The Platters.

The Temptations and the Four Tops return with the fireworks on July 4. "Baby, I Need Your Loving," "Standing in the Shadows of Love," and "Reach Out (I'll Be There)" are just a few of the hits of the Four Tops' career, which began in 1963. Levi Stubbs, Abdul "Duke" Fakir, Renaldo "Obba" Benson and Lawrence Payton, all whom live in Detroit, continue to make their mark in the music industry and in the community.

Other Meadow Brook performers known to baby boomers and others are Roger Whittaker (July 9-10), Electric Light Orchestra (July 23), the Everly Brothers and Dion (Aug. 6) and Peter, Paul and



Loving it: Brooding Lyle Lovett croons at Meadowbrook June 25.



Super star: Natalie Cole graces the stage on Meadow Brook on Aug. 27-28.

Mary (Aug. 20), another group which began in the early 60's. Known for their commitment to social causes, the group consists of Peter Yarrow, Paul Stookey and Mary Travers, names synonymous with such songs as "Blowin' in the Wind," "If I Had a Hammer" and

"Puff, the Magic Dragon."

Roger Whittaker also is a headliner this season with his gentle blend of pop/country music, including his signature song "The Last Farewell", which appeals to music lovers of all ages.

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