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Appearing along with 10,000 Maniacs this summer are World Party, The The, Pat Methany, Lyle Lovett, Michael Franks, Dwight Yoakum and Suzy Bogguss, Nancy Griffith and Elayne Boosler. The group 10,000 Maniacs is famous for its blend of folk, reggae, country and rock music, while The The began as part of London's burgeoning post-punk underground.

Bugs Bunny is another major star featured at Meadow Brook. The "Bugs Bunny on Broadway" show returns on June 26-27. Super star Natalie Cole graces the Meadow Brook stage on Aug. 7. A Meadow Brook tradition, the laser light show, takes place Aug. 27-28. Entitled the "Laser Spectacular", the show will feature themes from Broadway blockbusters.

Most Meadow Brook shows begin at 8 p.m. The laser spectacular, however, begins at 8:30 p.m. Other exceptions are the children's daytime and early evening shows. These include: "The Mad Mad World of Magic," on June 23-24, and Shari Lewis, on Aug. 14.

"The Mad Mad World of Magic" begins with the mysterious appearance of The Magic Storyteller. With



A favorite: Roger Whittaker will offer his gentle blend of pop/country music July 9 - 10.

the use of choreography, comedy, colorful costumes, illusions and special effects, the five-member company tells the stories of "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," "The Snow Princess" and "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks."

Free events slated for Meadow Brook are the Meadow Brook Music



Light up the night: The Temptations return to Meadow Brook with The Four Tops and some fireworks on July 4.

Festival Art Fair on June 19-20 and "Michigan's Best Menu" taste fest July 16-18.

Watch for listings of additional concerts and special events at OU's Meadow Brook Music Festival (the event bookings are not completely filled this early in the season).

Tickets for all shows are avail-

able at the Meadow Brook Music Festival Box Office, at all Ticketmaster locations and at the Fox Theater, Joe Louis and Cobo Arena Box offices. The Events Hotline has more information. Call 313-396-7600 for details on all upcoming events.

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arranged for 27 Ford High School 10th graders to be picked up by bus one day a week after school, come to the AT&T Southfield office, get a snack and then meet with the same tutor regularly for help in English or Math. The tutors are all AT&T management people.

"Everyone loves this program," Collins said. "Our biggest problem is that we can't offer it to all 2,400 students at Henry Ford."

Ford's Assistant Principal, Linda Spight, agrees this is a wonderful program for their students. Oftentimes, she said, it becomes a bonding experience for the students, as well as an educational one.

"They not only get help with their school work, they also have a chance to see what it means to be in a work environment," she said. "They also develop a more positive attitude towards people in business. Many of the students talk to their tutors on the phone and get together with them at different times."

Detroit Compact is a five-year-old program. It is an educational partnership with local businesses, unions, higher education groups, community groups, members of

state and city government, the Detroit Board of Education and the general superintendent, principals, teachers, parent and student organizations in the Detroit public schools.

And, as Sherwood points out, statistics show the program appears to be working.

Thirty of the original 33 graduates who entered college in 1990 returned as juniors. This is a 91 percent retention rate. Of the 37 students who entered college in 1992, 35 (95 percent) returned as sophomores.

"There's a positive movement in student achievement at the middle and high school levels as well," Sherwood said. "At McKenzie High School in Detroit, for example, reading skills increased 42 percent and math skills improved 33 percent among the Detroit Compact students."

While the program is working for many students, Cyteria said she wishes it could help more.

"I wish all of my friends would get at least a two-point average in school," she said. "I plan on getting a four-point by the time I'm a high school senior."

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