

Fest stages music, magic

Every year, the Farmington/Farmington Hills Founders Festival maneuvers to put together an entertainment lineup to appeal to all tastes and age groups. This year is no exception.

If you like to laugh, listen and love entertainment, you'll want to be present for this year's Showmobile Entertainment that runs Thursday through Saturday, July 14-16, at the Downtown Farmington Shopping Center on Grand River, according to Eric Johnston, entertainment chairman for the festival.

Johnston comes with high qualifications: As entertainment chairman for the past eight years, he's the one who spent several months each year organizing and scheduling entertainment.

"Festival entertainment has really gone through an evolution," Johnston said. "Since I've been entertainment chairman, we've gone from acts like Polynesian ritual dancers to more mature acts like renowned flutist Alexander Zonjic. This sophistication is truly a reflection on our community — the businesses and people of Farmington and Farmington Hills have grown in size and expectations.

They deserve the best."

The best is what they'll get. This year's lineup returns a number of festival favorites and adds a few newcomers. Headline act Zonjic returns for his third year to perform all three nights.

"Zonjic says the Founders Festival is one of his favorite gigs," Johnston said.

"You can't beat this opportunity," Johnston said. "Zonjic typically commands \$15 to \$30 per ticket for his performances. Though at the Founders Festival, they'll catch the best of Zonjic for free — it's the best entertainment value you'll find anywhere."

According to Zonjic, the Founders Festival is especially enjoyable because it draws such a large, diverse audience and therefore more exposure for his music.

"I've never labeled myself as a jazz player," Zonjic said. "My focus is on being a flute player. However, we're all slave to titles and sometimes those titles can restrict a person's perception of who and what we are. For example, a person decides they like or don't like jazz or

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