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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Jennifer Grey and Patrick Swayze star in Live Entertainment's re-release of the romantic classic, "Dirty Dancing."

SUNDAY



Sheryl Crow, Wilco and Michael Penn perform at Meadow Brook Music Festival at Oakland University in Rochester, Shouttime 7 p.m. Tickets \$27.50 pavilion and \$20 lawn, (248) 377-0100.

SATURDAY

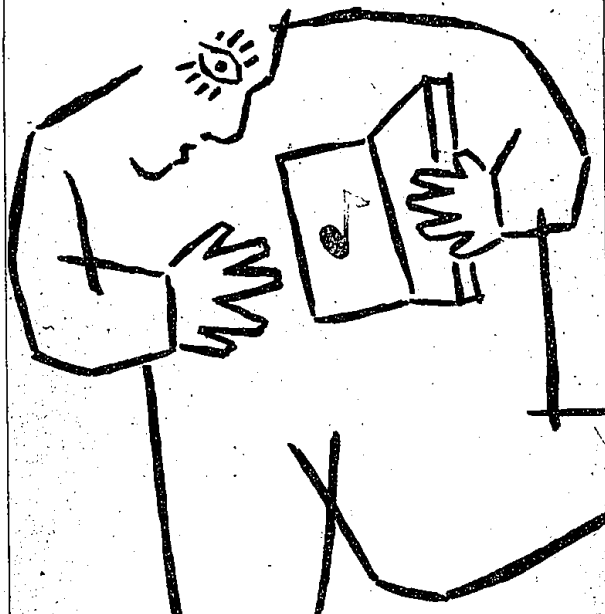


Motor City Women of Comedy and "a few good men," present the "Lion Laughs Tonight," featuring seven comedians, 7:30 p.m. at Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Tickets \$35-\$75, (248) 851-6557/(248) 645-6666. Proceeds benefit Gilda's Club, Metro Detroit.



Hot tip: There's plenty to do and see at the Michigan State Fair, which continues 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Monday, Sept. 1. The Michigan State Fairgrounds are at the junction of Eight Mile Road and Woodward Ave. Admission adults \$9; children under 11, \$2; children under 12, free. Parking \$5.

DETROIT JAZZ FESTIVAL



Pros share knowledge

By KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER



Jack Pierson don't do that anymore, but they're still interested in jazz. "I was a player and wanted to get kids involved. Some are even making a living at it," said Pierson who plays trumpet and piano. He traded life on the road for the classroom, and has been inspiring thousands of kids, ever since. "I enjoyed teaching and decided jazz should be looked at the same way as orchestras," he said. In the summer of 1973 Pierson took students enrolled in Henry Ford Community College's jazz program to the Montreux

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A coat of many colors

By HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Jim Dulzo, director of the Ford Detroit Montreux Jazz Festival, calls jazz a "coat of many colors" and this year's Labor Day weekend festival at Detroit's Hart Plaza proves the point perfectly. The 18th annual jazz festival features a dozen national headliners, more than 40 Detroit and Michigan artists and almost two dozen high school and college bands. It offers everything from Dixie and swing to the modern big band sounds of the McCoy Tyner Big Band and the Mingus Big Band to the rich Latin rhythms of Manny Oquendo and Libre. It's all jazz and all different.

"I don't think about themes," Dulzo said. "I think about quality. I try to get whoever's best at what they do. I try to get balance. Not too far modern, not too far old-fashioned, too far young lions, too far same old names. I want some surprises." Dulzo said some people like

bop and some like swing. He said he is always interested in hearing the new music but admits he's been paying attention to the older Shella Landis music as well.

The older I get, the more I appreciate the past masters, especially from the swing era. For many years I was really into chasing after the bop thing, but lately I've been listening to swing."

Swing to bop to Afro-Cuban to boss nova, the festival has it all.

Charles Mingus Big Band

Charles Mingus would have been delighted to have had a big band playing his music, but according to Sue Mingus, widow of the great bass player/composer/band leader, the economics of the times just didn't allow it.

When Mingus died in 1978 at the age of 66, he left

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Festival schedule

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STREET SCENE

Who: Sinead O'Connor
What: Performs a retrospective of her hits as well as songs from her latest EP "Gospel Oak."
When: 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24

Where: Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University, Weston Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester.

How: Tickets are \$18.50 pavilion and \$12.50 lawn for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666.

Sinead O'Connor focuses on soothing

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Thanks to the birth of her daughter, Roisin, Irish pop singer Sinead O'Connor has a new focus in life — comforting troubled souls. Her latest EP "Gospel Oak" (Chrysalis/EMI Records) is a reflection of that. In the lullaby-like lead-off track "This Is Mother You," the 29-year-old O'Connor sings "This is to mother you/To comfort you and get you through/Through when your nights are lonely/Through when your dreams are only blue/This is to mother you." The lyrics "4 my love this night I have your baby in my belly/All my life I'll love you for/The life you've given me/So

love no longer be frightened/I will never leave you" are wrapped around rolling drum beats in "4 My Love." The six-song "Gospel Oak," on which she sings the traditional Irish song "He Moved Through the Fair" is dedicated to the people of the war-torn areas — Israel, Rwanda, and Northern Ireland. It is her first album since 1994's "Universal Mother" (Chrysalis/EMI).

"It's quite personal things," O'Connor said of the dedication. "I've always had strong feelings about Israel since I was a young child."

Phoning from Los Angeles, O'Connor said she is appalled



Playing Meadow Brook: Sinead O'Connor performs songs off her new EP "Gospel Oak" (Chrysalis/EMI Records) at 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, at Meadow Brook Music Festival.

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