

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Earth Wind & Fire perform with the Isley Brothers and The O'Jays, 7:30 p.m. at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$62.50 to \$47.50, available at all Ticketmaster locations, or call (248) 433-1515.

SATURDAY



Richard Jeni performs 8 p.m. at Meadow Brook Music Theatre on the campus of Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Tickets are \$10 and \$20, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>

SUNDAY



Richard Denomme is one of the more than 200 award-winning artists exhibiting works in the Fourth Annual Novi Art Festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novi Town Center, I-275 at I-96, live music daily, call (248) 347-3830 for information.

TICKET



Hot Tix: There will be lots of cruising on Woodward Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14-15 during Woodward Dream Cruise 1998. Check out the schedule of events inside.

A Feast of Fantasy



Musician Lord Owain Phye (above), a world renowned musician. The Vulgarian court (top photo) has returned to Hollygrove for the royal nuptials of Queen Eleanor and King Robert.



The Renaissance Festival



Indulgences: Father Jerry, played by Jerry Bacik, helps everyone indulge in fantasy and fun at the Michigan Renaissance Festival.

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (rain or shine) weekends and Labor Day, Sat. Aug. 15 to Sunday, Sept. 27
WHERE: Off I-75, Exit 106, on Dixie Highway, (between Pontiac and Flint)
ADMISSION: Adults \$13.95 gate, \$12.50 advance; Children (ages 5-12) \$5.95 gate, \$5 advance; Children ages 4 and younger, free; Seniors (60 and older with ID) \$10.75 gate only. Season passes \$49.95 (Available through the festival main office). Call (800) 601-4848 or (248) 634-5552 for information. Advance tickets available at Kroger, Kessel Food Markets, AAA Michigan and DP.

Schedule and Highlights:

- Leisure & Lore - Aug. 15-16
International Strongman Competition, Merlin's Magic-Fizzle The Dragon's Birthday Party
- A Fair of the Heart - Aug. 22-23
Wedding of the Century, The Dating Game, Valentine Making
- High Seas Adventure - Aug. 29-30
Singing Pirates, Great Lakes Beer Tasting
- Travel The Silk Road - Sept. 5-7
International Beer Fest, Belly Dancing Contest, Free Fortune Cookie Contest
- Highland Fling - Sept. 12-13
Bagpipe Blowout and Dance Competition, Cider toasts
- Spirits of the Realm - Sept. 19-20
Horn Brewing Demonstrations, Mask Making, Grape Stomping, Parade of Fools, Inglenook Wine Tasting, Parade of the Little Spirits
- Sweet Endings - Sept. 26-27
Tournament of Temptations Baking Contest, Chocolate Festival with free samples, Pie Eating Contest, Cupcake Decorating Contest

Hospitality is Queen Eleanor's middle name, and now that she has her own personal chef, her royal highness is in more of a position to properly entertain guests at the 10th annual Michigan Renaissance Festival opening Saturday, Aug. 15.

In addition to the usual succulent roasted turkey legs, savory soup served in a bread bowl, Scotch eggs, and apple dumplings, Queen Eleanor and her personal chef Cheri Sias, are cooking up some surprises sure to delight your tastebuds and senses.

New this year at Holly Shire is the Feast of Fantasy - a five course, two hour meal featuring entertainment between each course.

The menu includes Maryland Crab cakes, chilled beet soup, Caesar salad, sorbet, and herb crusted pork prime rib with roasted red potatoes and sautéed summer vegetable medley," said Michelle Bono. "Guests also receive a limited edition hand-thrown pottery goblet as a remembrance."

There are two seatings every Sunday during the festival - noon and 3 p.m. The cost is \$60 per person, advance reservations are recommended call the

number listed in the chart.

Perhaps you'd like to enjoy tea with Queen Eleanor and her court. English high tea, including scones, cream puffs, finger sandwiches, and, of course, lively entertainment, is served 4 p.m. each festival day. The cost is \$12 per person, advance reservations are accepted.

Get an early start and join Minute Maid and legendary characters of the Renaissance Festival for Fables at the Table, a continental breakfast filled with laughter and merriment, 10:30 a.m. each Festival morning in the Castle. The cost is \$5 per person.

Quality cigars, premium beer, and a buffet of crackers, fruits and hard meats is offered 6 p.m. every Saturday and Labor Day during the Festival. Admission

is \$12 for guests 18 or older, and advance reservations are recommended.

Dragon's Breath Ale, brewed especially for the Renaissance Festival, is available at the new Dragon's Breath Pub and Stage.

This year's ending, Sept. 26-27 will be especially sweet, a Chocolate Festival and Cupcake Contest were added to the festivities.

The fun begins Saturday, Aug. 15 with the International Strongman's Contest and Merlin's Magic Fest. Wilkes daredevil antics and frightening feats of courage as the amazing Cliffhanger tempts fate on the high wire with the "Blindfolded Walk of Death."

Michigan Renaissance Festival offers non-stop entertainment including sword swallowers, magicians, musicians, and comedians on 12 stages and performance sites. There are games of skill, hilarious contests and lots of special events every weekend. Eat, drink and be merry, you can even go shopping too. There are more than 150 artisan shops to choose from including the Yo Silver Castle Sword Shop and Queen's Choco-

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ANNIVERSARY

The Palace celebrates 10 years

Two hours before the Aug. 1 Rod Stewart concert at The Palace of Auburn Hills, the venue's banquet room is filled with the sounds of prime rib, pasta and chicken intermingling with laughter and enthusiastic conversations.

Tom Wilson, president of Palace Sports and Entertainment, shakes hands with television personalities, newspaper reporters, athletes and others who have supported the organization during its 10 years of existence.

As Stewart hits the stage with his saucy rendition of Onsie's "Cigarettes and Alcohol," Wilson patiently watches but then sneaks away. After 10 years at the helm of The Palace, he's anxious to recreate his memories with the WDIV-TV special honoring the venue's 10th birthday.

"It's almost like raising a child in the sense that day after day you're plugging away and then you step back and marvel at how they've grown and how they've changed and how much fun it is to be around them," said Wilson, a Rochester Hills resident.

"To a great degree, The Palace has

been like a child for a lot of us. There's a number of us who have been here all 10 years. Besides a business interest, we have almost a human interest in her success."

Millions of customers

The Palace of Auburn Hills opened for business Aug. 18, 1988, with a concert by pop star Sting and has since welcomed 23.5 million people into its facility.

The organization now known as Palace Sports and Entertainment has



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added to its roster Meadow Brook Music Festival at Oakland University in Rochester, Pine Knob Music Theatre in Independence Township, The Detroit Vipers and the Detroit Shock.

In the last decade, The Detroit Pistons won back-to-back championships in 1989 and 1990; the hockey team, the Detroit Vipers, hit the top spot; and the venue has undergone millions of dollars worth of renovations.

The most notable change is the Atrium addition which includes a Jam Session comparison exhibit, the merchandise stores, Sony Maximum Television Theatre, Music Superhighway CD listening stations and the Pistons and Palace Celebrity halls of fame.

It hasn't gone unnoticed. For the last 10 years, the honors have been rolling in. The Palace has earned "Best Now Venue" honors by Performance and Pollstar trade publications, and it is annually ranked among the nation's top-grossing indoor venues leading to numerous "Arena of the Year" plaques. Several pop stars have made return

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The Palace of Auburn Hills is celebrating its 10th anniversary by hosting a variety of events during the next year. Tickets may be purchased at Ticketmaster unless otherwise noted. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666 or visit <http://www.palacetickets.com>

MUSIC ACTS:

- The Beastie Boys with special guests A Tribe Called Quest and Detroit-born keyboardist Money Mark, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18. Tickets are \$25.50.
- Rube McIntire, Brooks and Dunn, Toni Clark and David Keith, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15. Tickets are \$43.
- Pearl Jam and Cheap Trick, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23. Tickets are \$23.
- Elton John, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18. Tickets are \$49.50 and \$39.50.
- Tentatively scheduled for The Palace of Auburn Hills are the "Family Values Tour" featuring Korn, Rammstein, Ice Cube, Limp Bizkit and Orgy on Thursday, Oct. 1; and The Paperboys on Saturday, Nov. 21.

SPORTING EVENTS:

- The Detroit Shock's remaining home game is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, against New York. Tickets range from \$8-\$12.50.
- The Detroit Vipers has not announced its season schedule as of press time. The season usually begins in early October and runs through mid-April. Tickets range from \$8-\$35.
- The Detroit Pistons season is scheduled to begin Friday, Nov. 6, against the Philadelphia 76ers pending resolution of the labor dispute. Tickets range from \$12-\$33.