

DINING

Festival offers delicious ways to satisfy your hunger

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Don't cook this weekend! Go to the Arts, Beats & Eats in downtown Pontiac where your eyes will definitely be bigger than your tummy.

In its second year, Arts, Beats & Eats was created to celebrate the diversity and quality of life in Oakland County and all of metro-Detroit.

Designated as a destination event, it is three festivals in one including a world-class art show, a multi-stage non-stop musical concert and a tastefest.

Proceeds benefit many Oakland County charities.

If you've not had a chance to check out a number of eateries in your home community, a trip to the Arts, Beats & Eats tastefest this weekend, will let you do that. You can sample from more than 40 eateries surrounding your home turf in metro-Detroit.

Oakland County participants are listed by city location, so you can find those from your Observer & Eccentric newspaper community easily. Comparison eat by checking out the menus below. Oakland County's restaurant scene is livelier than ever.

Auburn Hills Great Lakes Crossing

GameWorks: Chicken Satay with Peanut Sauce, Philly Cheesesteak and Jambalaya.
Rainforest Cafe: Tropical

What: Over 40 eateries serving their specialties during the Arts, Beats & Eats Festival.

Where: Saginaw Street and adjacent side streets between the Phoenix Center and Huron Street, Pontiac.

When: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 3-5; and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6.

Eats: Everything from pizza, ribs and blooming onions to eclectic creations from the area's top chefs. Foods to please vegetarians, kids and every member of the family.

Cost: Nine ticket strips for \$5. Items require approximately three to six tickets.

Parking: Phoenix Center \$5. SEMTA shuttles running approximately every 15 minutes from Summit Place Mall (free parking) and the Silverdome (\$5 parking).

Chicken Sandwich and Baby Back Ribs.

Bingham Farms

Morole, A Michigan Bistro: Mushroom Bisque and Grilled Portabella Mushrooms.

Birmingham

Bad Frog Tavern: Red Beans & Rice and Mufalatta Sandwich.
Hunter House: Hamburger, Double Hamburger, Chill Fries and Chill Cheese Fries.

Bloomfield Hills

Deli Unique: Vienna Hot Dog, French Fries, Chill Cheese Fries and Frozen Yogurt.
Korby's Koney Island: Cony Dog with Chili and Push Up Ice Cream.

Clarkston

Schwan's Ice Cream: Vanilla Sundae Cone, Strawberry Fruit

Bars, Junior Bomb Pop and Vanilla Ice Cream Sandwich.

Clawson

Trini & Carmen's: Beef Fajitas, Chicken Fajitas, Beans and Rice.

Farmington Hills

Fusion: Vegetable Fried Rice and Korean BBQ Chicken with Fried Rice.

Ferndale

Club House Barbeque: Jamaican Chicken Pita, Fresh Salsa & Homemade Chips, Salsalito Chicken Pita and Strawberry Shortcake.

Orchard Lake

The Sheik: Vegetarian Falafel Sandwich, Shwarma, Middle-Eastern Salad and Baklava.

Pontiac

Applebee's Ribs: Beale Street Blues: Pork Ribs, Cole Slaw and Broad, BBQ Chicken Breast Sandwich, Chopped Pork Shoulder Sandwich and Sock It To Me Cake.
Bo's Brewery & Bistro: Beer Bratwurst and Harvest Burger.
D & G Foods: Hot Dogs, Seasoned Fries, Catfish and Ice Cream.

Giovanni's Cafe Italiano: Mostaccioli with Palamino Sauce, Spaghetti with Meatballs and Scones with Strawberry Preserves and Cream.

Hola Tapas Cafe: Finches do Pollo al Ajillo (skewered chicken and garlic) and Arroz con Coco y Pasis (rice with coconut and raisins).

La Villa Restaurant: Tortellini and Pasta Primavera, Pike Street Chilled Fruit Salad, Horokatika (Greek salad), Pasta Primavera and Assorted Truffles.

Royal Oak

Duggan's Irish Pub: Big Chief Hamburger, French Fries and Foot Long Coney Dogs.

Southfield

Annabel's & Co. Catering: Asian Cabbage Salad, Black Beans & Rice, Wing Dings with Cucumber, Dill Sauce and Bumpy Cake.

Excellibur: Sinatra Ribs and Potatoes Rockefeller.
Le Metro Bistro: Fruit



Eats: Whether it's seafood or ribs you crave, you're sure to find something good to eat at the second annual Arts, Beats & Eats, Labor Day weekend in downtown Pontiac.

Crepe, Sorbet, Cake and Pie.

Troy

Bonlhana: Hibachi Chicken with Mushroom and Fried Rice, Hibachi Shrimp with Mushroom and Fried Rice, California Roll and Salad with Ginger Dressing.

O'Grady's Irish Pub: BBQ Chicken and Fresh-Cut French Fries.

Piccano's: Sicilian Sandwich and Sausage Sandwich.
Prya: Vegetable Koorma with Rice, Chicken Marhani with

Rice, Tandoori Chicken and Rice Pudding.

The Bagel Factory: Veggie Roll-up, Turkey Roll-up, Fragel and Pizza Bagel.

West Bloomfield

Flying Fish Tavern: Spinach & Artichoke Dip and Whitefish Burger with Cole Slaw.
Stage & Co. Deli: Reuben Sandwich, Vienna Hot Dog, Cole Slaw and NY Cheesecake.

WHAT'S COOKING

Michigan Fall Game Feast, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9 at Fusion's Garden Farming, 34565 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$39.95 per person, prix fixe, which does not include tax or gratuity. Call (248) 489-8862 for reservations.

Fusion chef Dale Sinclair has created a menu that includes Great Lakes Walleye, Young Mulard Duck and Michigan White-Tail Venison with a cornucopia of fall flavors including Butternut Squash, Apple Cider Sauce and Cranberry Chutney.

Al's 13th Annual Chili Cookoff noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at Al's Copper Mug, 1704 W. Maple, corner of Decker Road, in Walled Lake, donation \$1. More chili cooks are needed, call Al or Patti (248) 624-9559 for details. The event is a fundraiser for Michael Babel for a bone marrow transplant. The Commerce resident has a match, he just needs help raising money to pay for it.

The chili cook-off will feature Sax Appeal 4-9 p.m. and Dan Valino 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Beer hot dogs, Italian sausage, buffalo burgers and hamburgers will be cooked outside on the grill. No children or anyone under age 21 will be admitted.

Classical Flamenco Guitar Music and Latin Foods 4 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 12 at Forté Restaurant, 201 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 594-7300. The cost is \$40. The Troubadours, David Coeagne and Michael Blaskiewicz of Ferndale, both have a master's degree in music from Wayne State University and specialize in classical-flamenco guitar. They will perform historical music from Brazil, Italy and Spain while you dine on a four-course international menu with foods from the same countries, prepared by Executive Chef Tim Voss. Admission for standing room only, without dinner, is \$10. Reservations strongly advised.

Andiamo Osteria, 129 S. Main Street (corner of Second Street), Royal Oak (248) 582-9300 now has valet parking. Hours are lunch 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner 4-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday; until midnight, Friday-Saturday; and 4-10 p.m. Sunday. The menu is an eclectic array of authentic Italian dishes from antipasti through desserts.

Damon's Restaurants has announced its support of the 1999 Ford Montreux Jazz Festival, Labor Day weekend at Hart Plaza on Jefferson Avenue in downtown Detroit. Damon's is proud to be "The

Official Rib" of the festival. Damon's will be selling their award-winning ribs, pulled pork barbecue sandwiches and other items at the festival near the Hudson's/Teligent Stage on the upper level, facing Jefferson Avenue.

Damon's Restaurants is an international franchise based in Columbus, Ohio with over 100 restaurants. In addition to ribs, they are known for their chicken, steaks and unique loaves of onion rings.

"We're proud to be one of the sponsors of this year's Ford Montreux Jazz Festival," said Dave Khoury, owner of the three metro Detroit area restaurants and Wyandotte, Sterling Heights, and Wyandotte. "It's an exciting chance for us to be part of something that makes Detroit fun."

The Canton Damon's is at 43750 Ford Road.

Schoolcraft College — Sample dishes from more than 60 metro Detroit restaurants and food distributors 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 during Culinary Extravaganza, in the Western Center on the Schoolcraft College campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, (between Six and Seven Mile roads, west of I-275.) Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 for two. Call (734)

462-4417. Event proceeds help pay for scholarships for Schoolcraft College students. During the event, Master Sommelier Madeline Trifon of Unique Restaurant Corp. will present a wine seminar, matching wines to the foods from selected restaurants. A live auction will feature packages designed to pamper and delight lucky bidders. Packages include a gourmet dinner for eight in your

home, prepared by a Schoolcraft chef, and weekend getaway to Pelee Island with wine tour and tasting, dinner and hotel for four. Stay tuned to the Dining page for more information.

The Capital Grille, a classic steak house, recently celebrated its third anniversary at 2800 W. Big Beaver Road in Troy in the Somersett Collection North. The Capital Grille's

diverse menu features steaks, seafood, fresh salads, hearty soups, and award-winning appetizers such as pan-fried calamari with hot cherry peppers.

Olga's the Troy based restaurant chain is now on the Web. Visit them online at www.wolgaaskitchen.com

A portion of the site is devoted to a coloring contest for kids.

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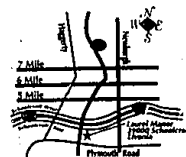
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