

Thursday, May 31, 2001

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Heywood Banks brings his comic spirit to Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m., \$16, (734) 996-9800.

SATURDAY



Charles Burke leads the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit, \$6, \$10 box seat, (313) 576-5111

SUNDAY



Marquis Theatre of Northville presents a musical version of "Little Red Riding Hood," 2:30 p.m. at the theater on E. Main Street, \$7.50, (248) 349-8110.



Alexander Zonjic performs Sunday, June 3 during the V98.7 Smooth JazzFest, Friday-Sunday, June 1-3 at the Southfield Civic Center. Tickets \$15 Friday, \$30 Saturday and Sunday. A weekend pass good for all three days is \$60. Available at Star Theatre Southfield (customer service desk) and all Ticketmaster outlets. Charge by phone at (248) 645-6666

Summer Concert Season

is about to begin



Black Sabbath

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With superstars like Madonna, Aerosmith, N'Sync and Janet Jackson scheduled to stop in and around the Motor City, it's bound to be the best summer for concert-going in a long while.

"Detroit is just a market of huge music fans," said Dave Clark, who works in event production and marketing for SFX in Northville. No one knows it better.

For Clark summer doesn't start until Dave Matthews Band returns to Detroit's Comerica Park. "He played the first show ever at Comerica Park and it was awesome." But Clark anticipates the second band to grace the stage at the new ball park, N'Sync, will earn its spot in pop music history. N'Sync is bringing along a 6-story high stage and a production like no one has seen to keep its legions of fans entertained. Clark said the "venue is taking off quite well," despite only hosting one concert last year. Not many tours are big enough to fill the COPA and timing a tour in between a busy baseball schedule isn't easy. Tours like N'Sync's will take days of preparation.

Anticipation

While Comerica Park is the newest open-air addition to the summer concert season, the DTE Energy Music Theatre (formerly Pine Knob Music Theatre) will again reign supreme with plenty of

festivals, reunion tours and anticipated performers. Perhaps the most highly anticipated is Area One, Detroit's own innovators—Joan Arkin, Kevin Saunderson and Derrick May—with some of hip hop's best, Outkast and The Roots, on July 24. "Detroit has always been a big town for techno, which is an element of the festival," noted Clark. He believes the festival will sell out.

OzFest returns at the end of July, bringing all original members of Black Sabbath together again, along with rock's new elite, Marilyn Manson and Linkin Park. Jeff Corey, director of public relations at Palace Sports and Entertainment said that's



Matchbox Twenty

about as big a festival as possible.

Though the days of mega-tours like Lollapalooza and HOARDE are gone, Corey believes package tours have seemed to take their place. "I would say there are more 'package' tours than in previous years, such as Black Crowes and Oasis, Paul Simon and Brian Wilson, Styx and Bad Company, Journey and Peter Frampton. Poison with Warrant, Quiet Riot and Enuff Z'Nuff, Asia/The Fixx/The Outfield/The Motels, and the list goes on and on," he said. "These package tours are attractive to the concert-goer since they offer more 'bang for the

bang." By packaging themselves with other semi-line-status performers (these) tours have more clout and have more sales potential.

Metal heads have surely embraced the formula. This summer Poison brings back the noise with the *Glam Metal Slam*. The original four-piece will be joined by cohorts Warrant, Enuff Z'Nuff and Quiet Riot for one loud Independence Day celebration. Motley Crue's original crooner Vince Neil reunited the *Voices of Metal*, with Ratt, Slaughter and Vixen, for a similar revival Aug. 19.

Country

Country fans won't be neglected this summer as performers like Tim McGraw, Randy Travis, LeAnn Rimes and the Girls Night Out Tour Aug. 9 featuring Reba McEntire, Martina McBride and more. Music lovers get a chance to travel back in time with special shows like *Sisters of the Sixties*, *The Spirit of 67* and *70's Soul Jam in mid June*.

But the buzz on this summer's concert really rests with the women of pop. Heavy-hitters like Janet Jackson and Rochester Hills' own Madonna will make rare and long-awaited appearances. Both pop divas are scheduled to play the Palace of Auburn Hills. Both have added second shows due to demand. And both will cost a pretty penny. Tickets for Madonna's completely sold out *Drowned World Tour*, Aug. 25-26, sold for up to \$250 each. Clark anticipates the Madonna shows will be a highlight of the summer. "Who knows if she'll ever come back again," he said.

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N'Sync

ROCK, POP, COUNTRY AND CLASSICS AWAIT YOU ON THE SUMMER CONCERT STAGE

MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

Oakland University Campus, Walton Boulevard at Adams Road, Rochester Hills. Tickets on sale now, call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666. Call (313) 576-6111 for Detroit Symphony Orchestra concert tickets.

Fine Art at Meadow Brook: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 17—charitable donation.

Moby McCready & Tim Rushlow: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, \$15.50-\$29.50.

Ani DiFranco: 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, \$28.50.

Michigan Wine and Food Festival: 3-9 p.m. Friday, June 22, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 23, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 24, \$18, \$10 Designated Driver; \$3 Kids ages 12-17, Kids under 12 free.

David Sanborn: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, \$20-\$29.50 pavilion.

Franklin's Turtle starring in *Franklin's Magic Fiddle 2* & 7 p.m. Thursday, June 28, \$8-\$12.50.

Richard Jeni: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 30, \$12.50-\$22.50 pavilion.

Mary Chapin Carpenter with Lunasa: 8 p.m. Sunday, July 1, \$15-\$22.50 pavilion.

Carrot Top: 8 p.m. Monday, July 9, \$12.50-\$24.50.

Aaron Carter with A*Teens Leslie Carter: 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, \$22-\$28.50.

Widespread Panier: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, \$25.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra: 8 p.m. Friday, July 13, American Fanfare, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 14, New World Symphony, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 15, An Evening of Rodgers and Hammerstein, \$16-\$38.

Scholaestle's *The Magic School*: 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Thursday, July 19, \$5-\$12.50 pavilion.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra: 8 p.m. Friday, July 20, *Symphonic Blockbusters*, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 21, *Carmine Burna*, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 22, Nancy Wilson, \$18-\$43.

Dan Fogelberg: 8 p.m. Monday, July 23, \$18.50-\$29.50.

Trisha Yearwood: 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 24, \$15.50-\$24.50.

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DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

I-75 and Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. Tickets on sale now, call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666.

Volunteer Jam featuring the Charlie Daniels Band: .38 Special, The Dickey Betts Band and Trent Summer & The New Row Mob, 6 p.m. Friday, June 1, \$18-\$30.50.

The Black Crowes and Oasis: "Tour of Brothly Love" with Superhog, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2, \$21.50-\$42.50.



Deftones

John Michael Montgomery: Eric Heatherly, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3, \$15.50-\$27.50.

Little River Band: Atlanta Rhythm Section, Dr. Hook featuring Ray Sawyer, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9, \$16.50-\$27.50.

Asia: With The Fixx, The Outfield, The Motels, "Totally 80's Live Tour", 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, \$18.50-\$27.50.

Clay Walker: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14, \$19-\$29.

The Sisters of the Sixties: The Supremes, The Crystals and The Chiffons, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 15, \$16.50-\$28.50.

Reprise of '67: Jefferson Starship, Iron Butterfly, Big Brother & The Holding Co. and Country Joe McDonald, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 17, \$16.50-\$28.50.

70's Soul Jam: The Stylistics, The Delfonics and Main Ingredient, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 22, \$16.50-\$28.50.

Depeche Mode: "Exciter Tour", 8 p.m. Saturday, June 23, \$28-\$52.50.

Lynyrd Skynyrd/Deep Purple: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 28, \$20-\$32.50.

A Walk Down Abbey Road: Ann Wilson, Alan Parsons, John Entwistle and Todd Rundgren, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 29, \$18.50-\$32.50.

Paul Simon and Brian Wilson: 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, \$23-\$58.

Poison's *Glam Metal Slam*: Warrant, Quiet Riot, Enuff Z'Nuff, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 4, \$18-\$32.50.

Dido: Travis, Emiliana Torrini, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 5, \$24.50-\$37.50.

Styx and Bad Company: Billy Squier and Joe Stark, 6 p.m. Friday, July 6, \$20-\$39.50, includes donation to Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum.

Stevie Nicks: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 7, \$28-\$68.

Brooks and Dunn's *Neon Circus* and *Wild West Show*: Montgomery Gentry, Toby Keith and Keith Urban, with Cledus T. Judd, doors open at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 8, \$29.50-\$49.50.

G3 2001 featuring Joe Satriani, Steve Vai and Dream Theater's John Petrucci: 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 9, \$18.50-\$34.50.

Journey: Peter Frampton, John Waite, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, July 10-11, \$20-\$42.50.

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Stewart Francke looking forward to concert

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It's raining outside, the kind of rain that stops and starts like it can't make up its mind. The sky's gloomy with no sign of changing, but when singer/songwriter Stewart Francke walks into our designated meeting place with a newspaper underneath his arm, and a smile on his face, the lyrics—"I've got sunshine on a cloudy day"—ring true. He's one of my heroes, someone who gives me strength, reminds me that I have to move past my fear and anxiety, that every day is a fight, but spring, even this ugly rain, brings renewal.

What: Stewart Francke performs with special guests Barbara Payton and The Regular Boys horn section.

When: 8 p.m. Friday, June 8

Where: Royal Oak's historic Baldwin Theater

Tickets: \$10, call (248) 541-8027

We're getting together for two reasons—to talk about his June 8 comeback concert at the Baldwin Theater in Royal Oak—and catch up.

Reconnecting
Stewart and I have something in common—

leukemia. He was diagnosed with the disease three years ago, and had a bone marrow transplant in October of 1998. Leukemia killed my husband, David on Dec. 17.

David was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous



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