

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



The B52's perform 6 p.m. at Freedom Hill Amphitheatre, Sterling Heights. Tickets \$15-\$40, call (248) 645-6666.

Art, Beats & Eats

185 artists,
45 restaurants, 150
performers to entertain
and delight crowds

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Seventy-five artists, their fingers crossed, are waiting for drop-outs of the art fair lineup this weekend at Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats in downtown Pontiac.

They've whispered a heavenly plea. Their fingers are crossed. They're poised to set up tents on Pike, Lawrence or Wayne streets. And they'd like nothing better than to become one of the 185 exhibitors who will display ceramics, paintings, glass and other art in the juried show.

"The scores were so tight this year that it was diffi-

cult to reject anyone," said Lisa Konikow, fair coordinator. Jurors scored applicants based on slides of their works. Fair organizers chose 185 of the top-scoring artists for the extended weekend show, now in its fourth year. Another 75 became alternates. And a whopping 600-600 applicants didn't make the cut.

Even if they had, they'd have to push geographic boundaries to make room. Show attendance and participation have soared since the art fair's inception. Everybody wants in.

"The first year we had 100 spaces and we got 100 applications," Konikow said. "The second we had 150 spaces and 500 applications. Each year it has climbed. Now we're up to about 700-800 applications."

"By the second year we had grown astronomically. We've also grown by national standards. Sunshine Artists, the top magazine for arts festivals, rated us one of the top 30 shows in the country in terms of sales, promotion and great food."

That means no "waffle cones and hot dogs on a stick."

"We have some of the top restaurants in the area," Konikow said.

Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats

What: Weekend festival with displays by nearly 200 artists, food from more than 45 restaurants, children's activities and entertainment
When: 4-11 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Saturday and Sunday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday. The art festival runs from 5-9 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday.
Where: Downtown Pontiac. Five live music stages will top the Phoenix Center. Art booths line Pike, Lawrence and other downtown streets.
Admission: Free

Picnics of Troy, Parkway Grille from Auburn Hills, and Pike Street in downtown Pontiac are among the nearly 50 restaurants that will serve "eats" during the festival.

Although patrons won't find waffle cones and corn dogs, they can head to Ben & Jerry's, D & G Ice Cream or Schwan's for frosty treats. Or find fast fare at Kerby's Koney Island and Hunter House Hamburgers.

"This isn't just an art festival with things that are highly priced or unavailable. There are things for everyone and all prices. We're an art fair within a major event. We're right in the middle of it."

About 150 performers will entertain on five stages at the Phoenix Center, playing everything from fiddles to funk.

Children will see some of their favorite local performers, including Rosco the clown and magician Gordon Russ, on the YAK Kids Stage. They'll also get a chance to make necklaces, hats, candles and figurines, play Nickelodeon games, test their sports skills and learn about safety and

health habits. African American Parent Magazine will sponsor a quilting display and activity. Youngsters will get an

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SATURDAY



Vertical Horizon, with SR-71, Nine Days perform 7:30 p.m. at DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. Tickets \$20-\$32.50, call (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY



Eve 6 performs 7 p.m. at the Michigan State Fair, Woodward at Eight Mile in Detroit. Tickets cost \$9.31 in addition to fair admission of \$9. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster outlets and by calling (248) 645-6666.



Juried show: Shoppers browse a ceramics display at the Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats Festival last year. More than 180 artists will exhibit their work this year. The fun starts Friday.

Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats Entertainment Schedule

Performers include all forms of rock, from oldies to alternative, funk, Latin, jazz, folk, blues, country, classical and gospel.

Friday
Kmart stage: Robb Roy, Pat McDade, Willie Ford, Cowboy Mouth, G Love & Special Sauce. Blues Traveler caps the night with a 10 p.m. show.

Pepsi stage: Redd Foxx, GIVE, Calling Marvin, Tongue & Groove, Brothers From Another Planet.

Heineken stage: Shelia Landis, Buster's Blues Band, Charles Anthony, Gwen & Charles Scales, Johnny Trudell Quintet.

Comcast stage: Tamara Bedrick, John D. Lamb, Jan Krist, Jo Serrapere & Her Hot Tail Section.

Dodge Americana stage: William Gard Gaffney, Fommhor, Jettison Red, Superdot, Sooco.

Saturday
Kmart stage: Karen Newman, Stewart Franke, Jeffrey Gaines, American HIFI. Little Feet plays at 10 p.m.

Pepsi stage: Electric Magi, Sun 209, My Stupid Machine, 2XL, Government Honey, Tripper, The Civilians, GRR, Gods Made Love, Rooster.

Heineken stage: Luther Keith, Machine Gun Kelly, Daniel Carthage, Rex, Marc Falcenberg, Bonnie Tampa Route, Lisa Cunningham and 7th Heaven, The L'Amantz, David Myles & The Mysticons, Ground Level, Bettye Lavette.

Comcast stage: The Clarion Trio, Stone People, Scott Greenberg, Tim Diaz, Wally Pleasant, The GhettoBliss, Lori Amey, Liz Larin.

Dodge stage: Jelly's Pierced Tattoo, Escorpion, Benny Cruz, Y Buena Vida, The Beatles, The Orbitals, The Artistas, Impact 7, Judy Harrison & High Impact, Mr. Moody, Jeff & The Atlantics.

Kmart stage: Quincy Stewart,

Alexander Zonic and Friends, Kirk Whalum, Little Boy Flowers, Ohio Players, The Spinners play at 10 p.m.

Pepsi stage: Fuzz Box Twin, Ripple Effect, Skillet, The Michael King Band, The Ottomans, Automatic, Kung Fu Diesel, Bella Red, Eliza, Face.

Heineken stage: Curtie Sumpter, Zamar Instruments of Praise, Warren Commission, Tony Jefferson & Last Call, Kimmie Korne, Sunny Girl & The UV Rays, Lazy Lester, Brothers Groove, Johnny Bassett & The Blues Insurgents, Orange Lake Drive.

Comcast stage: The Lakeland Trio, Stephen Grant Wood, Kolo, Julie Kyrk, Jeremy Kittel, Annie Capos, Third Nature, Matt Watroba & Robert Jones.

Dodge Americana stage: Company of Strangers, Comedaddy, Rhythm & Rain, Ridge Runners, Immunity, Johnny Rodriguez & The Flery Latin Band, The Forbes Brothers, Twistin' Tarantulas, Lisa Hunter, Teen Angels.

Monday
Kmart stage: Pontiac Rescue Mission Choir, Menadi, Kristyn Smyth, Brian McComas, Chely Wright, Montgomery Gentry.

Pepsi stage: The Nick Strange Trio, Elephant Gerald, The Wren Radio, Jigaw Boomerang, Michelle Penn, Jill Jack, The Roarfermen.

Heineken stage: Woody Washington, Kristin Sykes & Trademark, Orange, Deb'Alene & The David Lee Trio, Randy Vain & The Sonic Blues, Brett Lucas Band, Mudpuppy with Paul Randolph, Yancy.

Comcast stage: The Southern Great Lakes Chamber Players, Elmo Thum, Daniel's Crossing, Audra Kubat of Stunning Amazon, Terry Gonda, MacAlidh.

Dodge stage: The Steve Gilbert Band, You, Satin Dolls, Meta-physical Jones, Intrigue, Rosendo Garcia & His Blue Notes, Johnny Powers.

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ADULT



The Beach Boys will be featured 7 p.m. at the 2001 Michigan State Fair, which runs 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Monday, Sept. 3. Tickets cost \$9.31 in addition to fair admission of \$9. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster outlets and by calling (248) 645-6666.