

# Dance

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## the school offer?

Since dance is a performing art, performance is clearly important. Most schools offer something, including recitals at the end of the year, participation in festivals or competitions. School's like our EDE Center for Dance in Rochester Hills can offer professional-level performing opportunities for the students.

The professional EDE dancers serve as instructors, and our students participate in numerous EDE productions, including the company's Motown in Motion production at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, EDE's annual holiday production, and other appearances around the State.

What is the class environment? Finally, ask questions about or take a tour of the dance studio. The floors should be sprung to avoid impact injuries. Larger

rooms will allow more freedom of movement and longer phrases of choreography.

Find out how many students will be in your class - you will receive more individual feedback in a small class.

Today, dance studios are thriving across the country. More and more people are currently studying dance. Yet, most students select schools according to location rather than quality. Ask lots of questions and you will be able to make an informed choice.

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# Music

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"We'll pass out literature on the new season. Glenn is our new director and he's going to bring a whole new repertoire. We're really excited."

## Detroit Symphony Orchestra

One of the most beautiful settings for concerts is Meadow Brook, the summer home of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. From July 12 to Aug. 11, the musicians play three series for a total of 16 programs.

Family Fun Fridays focus on light classical music with a fireworks finale. Sensational Saturday Classics feature guest artists performing traditional masterworks, and Sunday Summer Pops the music of Broadway and Hollywood.

A five-concert subscription package ranges from \$90 for lawn to \$280 in the Premiere Pavilion, call

(313) 576-5120. Discounts are available for students under age 18. Single tickets can be purchased by phone at (313) 576-5111 or online at [www.detroit-symphony.com](http://www.detroit-symphony.com). A six-concert discount coupon book is \$110 for Pavilion B, and \$85 for lawn seats.

But before the DSO heads for Rochester it presents its 10th anniversary Salute to America Wednesday-Saturday, July 3-6, at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

What could be more perfect than celebrating America's birthday with patriotic music, a fireworks displays, performances by the DSO under conductor Thomas Wilkins, and the U.S. Army Band and Chorus on the Village Green? Tickets are \$19 in advance, \$23 at door, \$10 children in advance, \$14 at door. Call (313) 576-5111.

Livonia Symphony Orchestra

Celebrating classical music under the stars is something Bob Bennett's been doing since the early 1970s.

In fact he conceived the idea to bring a summer series featuring a variety of music while a Livonia City Councilman, long before he took on the role of Mayor and staunch supporter of the Livonia Arts Commission which co-sponsors the series with the parks and recreation department.

Music Under the Stars kicks off with Steve King and the Ditties 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11 in Civic Center Park, but Bennett is especially excited about the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's 7:30

p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22 concert in Civic Center Park in the city's complex off Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road.

As president of the orchestra, Bennett works all year long to secure funding for the nonprofit organization so musicians can bring classical music to audiences.

For more information about Music Under the Stars, call (734) 466-2540.

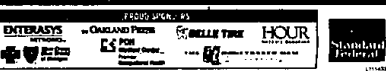
"The Aug. 22 program is light classical and pops," said Bennett. "It's a tradition. The Oakway Symphony (now the Livonia Symphony Orchestra) was the first classical orchestra."

## concerts at MEADOW BROOK

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JUNE	
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27	The Traveling Sound Show • 1 pm & 7 pm
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JULY	
3	Jewel
5	Jim Brickman
7	Widespread Panic
10	Dave Mason Ambrosia Gary Wright John Ford Coley
11	Jackie Mason
16	Gutfield in "Happy Birthday to Me" • 1 pm & 7 pm
17	A Violin Sings, A Fiddle Dances
18	David Cassidy
22	John Mayer Guster • Main Series
25	Dave Koz & Friends featuring Norman Brown & Brian Culbertson with special guest James Ingram
AUGUST	
7	The Amazing Johnathan
18	Jethro Tull
23	Get Back! The Cast of Beatlemania
30	Nicole C. Muller
SEPTEMBER	
1	Carrot Top
6	Spirit of Ireland
7	BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL featuring Rhonda Vincent

Tickets at Meadow Brook: Palace Box Office and all ticketmaster locations. Charge: 243-1445. 600. Discounts on select shows for groups and children 12 and under. Call 243-1771. 0100. \*subject to change without notice.



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Beach Boys	Brian McKnight	Kenny Rogers	Michael Bolton
June 29	June 30	July 20	August 6

June 21	Sugar Ray	2	Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance
22	W/ Cheap Trick & Sponge	6	Michael Bolton
23	Lonestar w/ Andy Griggs & Carolyn Dawn Johnson	8	Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, Fela Cavalliere & The Rascals, Lou Christie & The Association
28	Beach Boys	9	1964 Tribute...Beatles Tribute
30	Brian McKnight	14	Franklin the Turtle • 11am & 7pm
July 3	Alice 106.7 80's Fest w/ INXS & Simple Minds	15	Al Green & Ann Nesley
9	Cinque Eos • 11am & 7pm	16	Paul Anka
12	Teddy Pendergrass & Jeffrey Osborne	17	The Scintans
13	Golden Hits of Doo Wop (Tina Turner & The Impressions, Billie Holiday's Dream of a Dream, and Carl Gardner's Cousins)	23	Hank Williams Jr. & Trick Pony
16	Heart & Eric Burdon	25	George Benson & Natalie Cole
17	Chris Isaak	6	Aaron Carter
18	Little Bear • 11am & 7pm		
20	Kenny Rogers		
28	Ruby Ray Cyrus & Johnny Cochran		
Aug 1	The Rippingtons, David Benoit & Jean Luc Ponty		

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All shows and dates are subject to change. Freedom Hill Amphitheater is conveniently located on Motor Parkway (16 Mile Road) just east of Schwaner in Sterling Heights with easy access from I-75 I-94, I-96 or M-58.

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