

Food, floats, fun in Fort Wayne

Fort Wayne, Indiana—

Three Rivers Festival is a nine-day extravaganza featuring events for everyone. It is the largest festival in the state of Indiana, attracting a crowd of 1.5 million people.

The 25th anniversary Festival will begin on Saturday, July 10 with the grand fanfare of the Opening Day Parade. Over 100 units including clowns, bands, floats and huge balloons will reflect the theme, "A Sterling Celebration." This two-hour array of sight and sound will delight 160,000 spectators and will be televised live and replayed that evening over much of the tri-state area.

Throughout the nine days of Festival, over 200 official and affiliate events will be held in the Fort Wayne

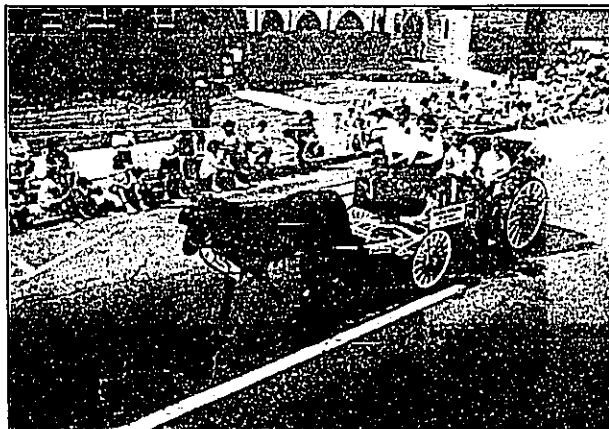
metropolitan area. These events include the Opening Day Parade, Keltich Children's Fest, Seniors' Day, Sunday in the Park with Art, Club TRF featuring national bands, and Food Alley.

This year over 30 balloonists are expected to provide a spectacular sanctioned race at the Festival's Standard Federal Bank Balloon Classic held at the Allen County Fairgrounds. In commemoration of the 25th anniversary, the TRF 25th Anniversary Airshow and Air National Guard Open House will be held at Fort Wayne International Airport.

Other events are sponsored and run by companies and not for-profit groups in the community. They are required to meet certain criteria in applying to be a part of Festival. Some of the favorites include: races of rafts, beds, big wheels and canoes; markets for antiques, crafts and food; parades of children, pets and lights; and entertainment of dance, exercise, mime and music.

The Festival provides an opportunity to exercise everything from your mind in a computer game; to your eye in a shooting match; to your body in games like tennis, volleyball or Frisbee golf; to your spirit as a spectator. There are over 200 events run by nearly 6,000 volunteers. Nearly 90% of the events are free to the public.

The heritage of Fort Wayne will also live through special historical presentations and encampments, and your family history can be explored through extensive genealogy displays. Cultural variety is spotlighted



GRAND OPENING PARADE—A two-hour array of sight and sound will delight an expected 160,000 spectators July 10 in Fort Wayne.

throughout the Festival with ethnic foods, exhibits, dance and music at the International Village and in art shows and concerts.

For two years running, Three Rivers Festival has been selected by the American Bus Association for its Top 100 Events in America. The Chicago Tribune recently listed TRF as one of their choices of things to do

during July in their listing "Around the World in 365 days and 41 events."

The final curtain of this civic celebration is a spectacular display of fireworks propelled from the top of the Fort Wayne National Bank Building on Sunday evening.

For more information or to receive a Three Rivers Festival Program Brochure, call (219) 745-FEST.



ART IN PARK—Music and fine art performances are featured during the festival's Sunday in the Park with Art event.

On deck: Ernie Harwell

Dearborn, Michigan—

For the first time ever, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will perform two concerts at Greenfield Village on Saturday, July 3 and Sunday, July 4 at 8:30 p.m.

A highlight of the concerts will be a salute to the Great American Pastime — baseball — as Detroit Tigers radio announcer Ernie Harwell retells the story of *Casey at the Bat* in a delightful arrangement with orchestral accompaniment. Each evening's concert will conclude with a rousing rendition of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture* followed by a spectacular fireworks display above the Village.

The Orchestra has planned a tribute to America's history in the two concerts, with a program including music of the late 19th and early 20th centuries by such composers as Stephen Foster, John Philip Sousa, George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, and George M. Cohan.

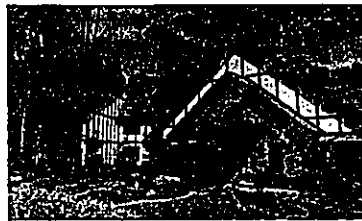
Greenfield Village will close its gates at 5 p.m. these two evenings, and re-open for concert attendees at 7

p.m. Pre-concert entertainment will include the First Michigan Colonial Fife & Drum Corps, the Dodworth Saxhorn Band, Priscilla Jackson singing African-American inspirational music, and roaming musicians performing turn-of-the-century tunes.

Concertgoers may bring blankets or low-style lawn chairs for seating on the Village Green. Gourmet picnic baskets and a variety of other summertime foods will be available for purchase, as well as alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. The village store and satellite sales sites will be open before and after the performances.

Tickets for the concerts are on sale at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall box office, (313) 833-3700; Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, (313) 271-1620; and Ticketmaster locations. Prices, including parking: adults, \$15; children 5-12, \$7; children 4 and under free.

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