

Food, music, family fun at Tastefest

Enjoy the tastes of the state's best food and drinks, and concerts by the hottest local and national bands, special family attractions and a variety of other summer surprises July 2-5 at the Michigan Tastefest.

It takes place in the shadow of the General Motors and Fisher buildings on West Grand Boulevard between Woodward and the Lodge Freeway. Festival hours are 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 2-4 and 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 5. Plenty of free parking is available, along with preferred

parking in an enclosed deck for \$2.

In addition to concerts on four stages and more than 40 fine Michigan restaurants, wineries and breweries selling "tastes" of their specialties, the festival features — demonstrations by acclaimed chefs, a special Kidzone for little festival goers, and a health-oriented FamilyFest.

For more information call 872-0188. You'll hear a variety of music, all for free at the festival. Here are some of the headline acts that will be performing on the Stroh's main stage.

Country Line Dancing 7 p.m. Friday, July 2, with Robert Ellis Orrell, the new RCA recording artist who takes country music, mixes in some pop for good measure.

Jazz with Special EFX, 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 3, featuring George Jinda and Chiefl Minucci, a duo who's been gaining steady momentum worldwide since the debut of their first album more than 10 years ago.

The Iguanas will play New Orleans rhythm and blues, Tex Mex conjunto music and everything in

between 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 5.

The Wellness Plan Jazz Showcase will spotlight some of the finest jazz performers in Michigan, including Sheila Landis, David Myles and Mylestones, Sounds of Brazilian Jazz and Motor City Jazz.

On the menu are some of your favorite restaurants including Casa Lupita, Orchid Cafe and Charley's Crab of Troy, Outback Steakhouse and Red Lobster. Food and beverage tickets will be sold throughout the festival site, nine tickets for \$5.

Meadow Brook presents Oldies Extravaganza

Once again, Zambelli Internationale will light up the sky above the Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester for this year's Fourth of July fireworks celebration.

The weekend kicks off with the electrifying James Brown on Friday, July 2, Saturday, July 3, Wolfman Jack hosts an Oldies Extravaganza featuring The Platters, the Coasters and The Drifters.

Sunday, July 4 is topped off by The Temptations and The Four Tops. After each concert, there will be spectacular fireworks display. All shows begin at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$27.50 per person for pavilion and \$15 for lawn. Pavilion seats for the July 3 Oldies Show are \$22.50. Tickets are available at the Meadow Brook Box Office and all Ticketmaster

outlets. To charge tickets, call 645-6666. For more information, call 292-7000.

Fireworks have been a thrilling source of entertainment since the 17th century, having originated in India and Japan. Founded over 100 years ago, Zambelli Internationale is one of the most-sought after fireworks companies in the world.

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Zambelli specializes in floral patterns made up of white, yellow, red, green, amber and blue. Blue is the most difficult to manufacture due to its copper-based composition and resulting volatility. The conclusion of each fireworks display at Meadow Brook will feature a "centerpiece" firework — a 10-foot Brocade Chrysanthemum.

Kicking off the holiday concert weekend is the "Godfather of Soul," James Brown. Brown will

perform songs off his first studio album in three years entitled "Love Over Due."

MOT to hold auditions

Michigan Opera Theatre will hold auditions Wednesday and Thursday, July 7 and 8, for chorus positions and supporting roles in the 1993-94 opera season.

Male and female ensemble positions and "chorus roles" are available in the productions of "The Barber of Seville" (men only) and "The Merry Widow" at the Fisher Theatre this fall, and "Faust" and "Turandot" at the Masonic Temple next spring.

Supporting roles are available in all four productions. Interested applicants should call the Michigan Opera Theatre Production Office at 874-7850 no later than July 6, to schedule an appointment. Singers should prepare two selections from memory, one in English and the other in a foreign language.

An accompanist will be provided, however applicants should supply their own music.

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