

Livonia, Mi 48152

Saturday 7:304:00
Sunday 10:00-3:00

Kids On Block to promote awareness of handicaps

Farmington Summer Fun Series attendees will have the opportunity to welcome an international program to the Civic Theatre on Wednesday, June 22.
"Kids On The Block," a program prumoting handicap awareness through use of oversized puppets, will debut as an integral part of the series because of efforts by the Farmington DDA and the merchants of the historic Cook Building.
The Summer Pun Series is on Wednesdays throughout most of the summer to provide area families with free, enriching programs and, at the same time, encourage

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entertainment resource.

"Including this program in our series is a highlight for me. It means we're entertaining kids while still giving them important

perspectives that might make a real difference for the future, and DDA director-Judy Downey. The "Kids On The Block" program was developed in 1977 by Burbara Aiello, a toacher who was faced with a surprising challenge, Aiello wanted as cerebral paley, attudent to return to them the young man who was physically challenged yet mentally capable, apprehensive because of the isolation he felt by fellow students, teachers and parents.

In exchange for his effort to "tough it out," the teacher promised to do all she could to help educate the other students, teachers and parents on the capabilities of disabled people. From this objective has sprung an international organization of volunteer puppeteers who let kids (and grownups, too) know that we're all

different, but alike.

The puppetry style used by "Kids On The Block" is called bun-ra-ku, a Japanese format where the puppeteer is dressed ali, to black and stands behind the puppet, in full view of the audience.

"This is an especially difficult style to work with during the question period following the per formance where it is hard for the puppeteer/retired teacher to stay in character, 'Diane Wurdeck, director of the Royal Oak troupe, said.

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Wordock's troupe will represent the international organization at the Summer Fun Series.
Schedules for all Summer Fun events are available at both branches of the Farmington Library, the Chamber of Commerce or all downtown Farmington restail shops.

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