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bell and the Smothers Brothers, as well as appearing on the Johnny Carson and Flip Wilson television shows.

Another new act is "Street Corner." Audiences won't be able to resist singing and dancing along with this musical group as they perform favorites of the '50s and '60s, including Motown hits from the Four Tops, The Temptations and The Supremes. This group has made a name for itself appearing at community events throughout the Detroit area.

Folk singer Ron Coden and his back-up guitarists will also make their Festival debut. Although new to the Showmobile, Coden is a veteran of the local nightclub scene and PBS television appearances. His style and light-hearted stage presence have earned him quite a following around the Detroit area.

Johnston, who is owner and director of the Betty Johnston Dance Studios in Farmington and Birmingham, said this year's Showmobile will also include some acts brought back by popular demand.

Once again, "magician extraordinaire" Mark St. John will be back to dazzle audiences with his bag of tricks. St. John is a perennial Festi-

val favorite, particularly with young audiences. He has even been known to recruit assistants from the audience to be part of his act, so expect many surprises.

The local roots and talent of the Farmington Community Chorus have made them a popular act at the Showmobile for the past 11 years. This year they will perform excerpts from their latest concert, including silver screen classics.

Part of Johnston's dance studio includes the School of Detroit Ballet. Members of this troupe will perform excerpts from the second act of "Swan Lake" on Saturday afternoon.

The "Texas Dancers" are stomping and two-stepping their way back to the Festival again this year. This troupe of 25 dancers will demonstrate steps like the ones seen on TNN's popular dance show, conjuring up romantic images of cowboys and cowgirls dancing off in to the sunset.

"Bring the children. Bring the entire family and have a good, old hometown time," said Johnston.

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