

## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Barry Manilow performs 8 p.m. at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets \$50 pavilion, \$10 lawn. Call (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

### SATURDAY



"Common Man, Mythic Vision: The Paintings of Ben Shahn" are on exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900 for more information.

### SUNDAY



SRO Productions presents "Belles," featuring Tamara Gries, 2 p.m. at "The Burgh" on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. Tickets \$8, \$7 seniors/children, call (248) 827-0701.



**Hot Tip:** Revel in old-world entertainment at the Michigan Renaissance Festival opening Saturday in the Renaissance village of Hollygrove off I-75, Grand Blanc exit 106 on Dixie Highway between Pontiac and Flint. The fair runs weekends through Sunday, Sept. 26. Call (800) 601-4848 or (248) 634-5552 for information.



MUSICIANS HAPPY TO BE PART OF

# Lilith Fair

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**L**ending by the soft, melodic tone of Sinéad Lohan's voice over the telephone, she's completely at peace. There was no hint of urgency or anxiety, even though the Irish singer-songwriter was just days away from embarking on a trip to the states to join Lilith Fair.

Lohan is just one of 18 artists performing at Pine Knob Music Theatre during Lilith Fair Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 14-15. Lohan, who plays 4:50 p.m. on Saturday, is no stranger to the tour. She joined in on the acoustic stage for a few dates last summer.

"I'm really glad I'll have my band with me," said Lohan during a telephone interview from her home in Cork County, Ireland on Aug. 2. "It should be good."

Though the slot on this summer's Lilith Fair marks Lohan's fourth U.S. tour, this engagement will prove different from past travels across the country. A new mother, Lohan will be accompanied by her 4-month-old son Zach. She was just beginning to pack up and prepare when we talked.

Preparations at Pine Knob are also running smoothly, according to staff. Jeff Corey, spokesman for the venue said this is the third summer Pine Knob Music Theatre has hosted Lilith Fair.

"It seems it has always been popular from the beginning," said Corey. "Overall, the festivals we have hosted at Pine Knob have done very well."

Before her involvement in the project, Lohan said she hadn't heard about Lilith Fair. When she found out the tour consisted of all female acts, it was initially cause for some concern.

"I don't feel like I represent women...I represent human beings,"



SARAH McLACHLAN  
ALBERTA RECORDS

**WHAT:** Lilith Fair 1999, A Celebration of Women in Music  
**WHERE:** Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township  
**WHEN:** Doors open 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 14-15. Music on the Main Stage begins at 4:30 p.m. each day  
**TICKETS:** Still available for both shows \$79 and \$54 pavilion, \$34 lawn. Call Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.  
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she said of her music. Once she found out the tour is a celebration of women in music, she said she was more than happy to be a part of it.

#### Well run event

"It's a well run, well organized event," added Lohan.

Corey agreed and commented on the way the festival has changed over the past three summers.

"Sarah (McLachlan) seems to have diversified the line-up a little more each year, bringing in a variety of musical genres," he said. "This has

made her crowd a little more diverse and, it seems, you have seen more men in the crowd each year."

Jennifer Knapp, a Christian rock songstress and Kansas native, is one performer who will be new to the festival this year. Just back from a mission trip to the Dominican Republic where she helped build a hospital, Knapp said she was ready to hit the stage at Lilith Fair. She got involved with the festival by showing an interest in performing on the tour.

"It was just one of those quirky things," said Knapp who will be performing on the Second Stage at 6 p.m., after Lohan. "It's an honor to be playing on the same stage with the women that inspired me musically."

Those performers include Sarah McLachlan, Natalie Merchant and Indigo Girls. Knapp also admitted she's never had the opportunity to attend Lilith Fair, but this year she'll be a part of it.

"The biggest challenge will be communicating who I am as an individual, and my connection to God," said Knapp of her role on the tour. "The music really stands for itself."

She said she's honored to be a part of the festival.

#### Accommodating fans

To accommodate fans of Knapp and the rest of the Lilith Fair performers, space is a major consideration every year. The grounds at Pine Knob have to support three separate stages.

"We have hosted a number of different festivals throughout the years so, as a venue, we are very adaptive to what the various types of these events," said Corey. "They have three different stages set up throughout the venue, the main pavilion stage and two smaller ones elsewhere on the grounds, along with various vendors booths and special interest group areas. We've handled it before and we

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## Shakespeare in the park a family event

West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission will present "A Midsummer Night's Dream" performed by Repercussion Theatre 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16 at Drake Sports Park, on Drake Road, south of Maple Road in West Bloomfield. Tickets \$2.50 in advance and can be purchased at the Parks and Recreation Commission building, 4840 Walnut Lake Road. Tickets \$3 on the day of the event. Free admission for children under age 6. Call (248) 738-2500 for more information.

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When Judy Shure-Vine saw an opportunity to present Shakespeare in a way the entire family could enjoy, she jumped at the chance.

As the superintendent for the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission, Shure-Vine was instrumental in bringing the Shakespeare-In-The-Park presentation, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," to Drake Sports Park Sunday. William Shakespeare's classic comedy touches on themes of unrequited love and mistaken identities. She said she's sure it will be "interesting to people of all ages."

"This is the very first year we've tried anything like this," said Shure-Vine. "We have

done outdoor summer concerts, but this is our first time with a comedic performance. We think it'll be a great opportunity for everybody to experience this kind of theater."

The performance will be presented by Repercussion Theatre, an outdoor touring theater group from Montreal, Canada.

"It is for people of all ages and varying tastes," said Shure-Vine. "There's a kind of shadow that falls over classic theater like this show. Some people think it's not for me. This approach is really going to reach out and give a hand to people who love it, and people who are willing to try it."

She said she would love to see Shakespeare-In-The-Park become an annual event, but the department will take it one step at a time. This year, volunteers are assisting with setting up the show and taking tickets.

Sue Soback, assistant to the township supervisor, is one such volunteer. As a member of the Friends of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Soback said she is happy to help out with the event. She appreciates seeing Shakespearean productions.

"Years ago I saw an outside performance in Toronto," she said. "It was a glorious thing. At the time they were doing Romeo and Juliet out in the open."

Soback said the Shakespeare-In-The-Park show will make "A Midsummer Night's Dream" accessible to children. She said the lessons in the stories are timeless, eternal, and just as relevant in the world today.

Big Daddy's Parthenon, 6199 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloom-

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## MOVIES

# Actress reflects on 'Detroit Rock City'

**Editor's note:** Lin Shaye stars in "Detroit Rock City," a coming-of-age film that centers around four teenagers who embark on a wild adventure to attend a sold-out Kiss concert in Detroit. The film opens Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters. See film review on Page E6. Stephanie Angelyn Casola interviewed Shaye by phone from her home in Los Angeles, Calif.

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**Q&A:** How did you get involved in "Detroit Rock City?"

**Shaye:** "I auditioned. I'd heard about the story and I'm from Detroit. Knowing the Kiss song, it piqued my imagination and interest. The one thing I didn't know, Barry Levine and Tim Sullivan (producers of the film), they wanted me from the get-go."

**Q&A:** Movie-goers may instantly recognize you as "Magda" from "There's Something About Mary." In this film you play another memorable character. What did you like most about your character, Mrs. Bruce?

**Shaye:** "I think I like most that she takes this journey and that she comes through it...she really has to let go of her son."

"I had a wonderful time. We rounded her out. She had her realization as well. That became my favorite part of the character. I love the look of the character, the wardrobe too."

**Q&A:** Tell me the truth, do you secretly listen to Kiss' music? What do you think of the band?

**Shaye:** "Yes, but what happened, I was not really a fan of their music. I was a fan of the theatrics. I love the whole Kabuki thing

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Rock-solid roots: Sam Huntington (left) and Lin Shaye in a scene from "Detroit Rock City."