

Indian festival to be staged

Downtown Detroit's riverfront will be transformed into the Festival of India Friday through Sunday.

The free festival, 10th in the summer-long series sponsored by the City of Detroit, will offer free entertainment and a selection of exotic foods.

Festival-goers can view demonstrations of traditional yoga exercises, visit fortune-tellers or browse through imported gift items.

The opening ceremony at 6 p.m.

Mardi-Gras show at Metro Beach

Harry Jarkey and the Basin Street Band will present a Mardi-Gras variety show on the Central Plaza Stage of Metropolitan Beach near Mt. Clemens Sunday, at 8:30 p.m.

The 1½-hour program includes dancing, singing, magical illusions, and comical skits rolled into one evening emceed by Harry Jarkey and accompanied by Bob Duran and his orchestra.

Friday, will feature the Festival Queen and City officials.

There will be folk dances — including a South Indian dance (bharata-natyam), folk songs (tupani), the rhythmic stick dance (raas), a clapping dance (garba) and Indian religious chants.

A fashion parade featuring brides of different states of India — Gujarat, Maharashtra, Bengal and others will be presented.

Indian food on sale will range from the very spicy and the very hot to the sweet: vegetable, beef

and kofta curries, samosas (a pastry mixture of ground beef and vegetables), egg rolls, poori (Indian puffed bread), papad (wafer) and spiced rice poha. Desserts will include jalebi, gulab jamun, halwa and others.

The cultural mini-museum will display handcarved furniture, handpainted brass vases, paintings on dry leaves, embroidery on silk fabrics and dolls of India.

Hand-embroidered silk saris, jewelry, brass-works, handloomed silk material, artwork, mirror-work and other Indian articles will be displayed in booths.

The tentative schedule of events for the Indian festival, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday and continuing from noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

There will be Indian music all during the Festival hours.

The DOT has arranged bus service to the ethnic festivals this year. For information, call 224-1999 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.



Sha-Na-Na on the way

Sha-Na-Na will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday (July 25) at Pine Knob Music Theatre. The folks who brought "ram-a-lam" and "ding-a-dong-ding" back into the vocabulary

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