

Detroit's Mexican-American community will take over the riverfront at Cobo Hall Friday through Sunday for one of the most colorful ethnic festivals of the season.

It is the 16th in the festival series sponsored by the City of Detroit. Theme for the three-day event is "peace." During Friday evening's opening ceremony, five white doves will be set free to represent the five summers that Detroit's Mexican-American community has presented a festival. A nine-piece Mariachi Band from Mexico will entertain. Reigning over the festivities will be Mexican Queen Joanne Ramirez, 18.

The festival also will mark the Detroit Mexican-American community's celebration of Mexican Independence week which begins Saturday. The Mexican flag will wave in front of the City-County Building during the week.

PINATAS — clay pots covered with colorful fringed paper and suspended on rope — will be filled with candies and prizes. They will be broken each evening for children enjoying the festival. Breaking pinatas is a popular Mexican custom, observed at birthdays and in the Christmas season.

Featured entertainment will include Mexican folk dancing, singing and strolling bands and groups from Toledo, Pontiac, Lansing, Port Huron and Texas.

Mexican foods such as tacos, tamales, enchiladas, burritos, carmitas, pastry and Spanish rice will be available, as well as tequila, margaritas and Mexican beer.

Curios on sale will include imported purses, paintings on velvet, furniture, pinatas and clothing. The festival will begin at 6 p.m. Friday and continue noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

EXHIBITIONS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

Objects & Images — Will present a special show of three women artists: Martha Cormie, watercolor; Virginia Keragis, weavings; June Wagy, ceramics. The show will continue through Sept. 18 (closed Sept. 15). The gallery is located at 202 E. Fourth St., Rochester. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CONTINUING EXHIBITS

Oakland Mall — Will present an exhibit of metal sculpture by Henry Friedman representing Jewish history. It will continue through Sunday.

America House-Michigan — Will sponsor an exhibit of new enamels by Michigan craftsmen Norman and Judith Brumm

through September. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily, Fridays till 9 p.m. at 655 E. Maple, Birmingham.

Showcase Galleries — Will sponsor a summer show of gallery artists plus new screen prints by Gene Davis and sculpture by Ernest Trova. Gallery hours are 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at Travelers Tower, 26555 Evergreen, Southfield.

Garelick's Gallery — The gallery is continuing its 25th annual summer exhibition of gallery artists through Labor Day including the works of Soyer, Burchfield, Phillip, Calder and Renoir, at 280 N. Woodward, Birmingham. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Yaw Gallery — Weaving by Warren Seelig through Sept. 12 at 550 N. Woodward, Birmingham. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum — "Annual Student Summer Exhibitions" of works by graduating students will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. through Sept. 15 on Tuesdays through Sundays at 500 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.


Allen Rubiner Gallery — Will present new acquisitions through Sept. 7, including works by Joan Miro, Ellsworth Kelly, Willem DeKooning, Frank Stella, Corneille, Sam Francis, Alan Davie, Victor Passmore and Jean Baier at 621 S. Washington, Royal Oak. Summer gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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