



Tuesday, May 18, 2004

Enjoy lunchtime entertainment at OC patio concerts

This spring and summer, Oakland University students, faculty, staff and campus visitors are invited to visit the **Oakland Center** for a variety of lively musical entertainers and a delicious outdoor lunch at the Oakland Center patio concerts.

Each concert is from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning Wednesday, May 19. **Chartwell's Food Service** will provide an enjoyable and affordable grilled lunch and vegetarian choices. Beverages and desserts also will be available. You also may bring your own lunch. In case of inclement weather, the performance will be held in the Oakland Center's Pioneer Food Court.

PATIO CONCERT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 19

PBM (Poor Boy Music)

With the growing popularity of the "Detroit Sound," Michigan's own Poor Boy Music is putting a whole new twist on things while surprising audiences with a fresh style and fun sound. Since the band's inception in 1997, this seven-member group has been rocking audiences young and old with their brand of horn-powered rock. PBM's love of music, raw energy and mad enthusiasm is especially evident in their live performances.

Tuesday, June 1

Barbara Bailey Hutchinson

This Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter grew up in Detroit. Her voice is familiar to millions of television and radio listeners across the country. The hundreds of commercials she has sung for McDonald's, Hallmark and other national advertisers attest to her vocal prowess. Her show is always fresh and powerful, offering finely crafted songs with a clever wit. Her music speaks to issues of tolerance and human rights as well as personal relationships and funny circumstances.

Wednesday, June 16

Oakland University's African and Steel Drum Ensembles

This ensemble has been a highlight of the Oakland Center patio concert series for the past several years. Their high-energy performances are both enjoyable and educational. The ensembles draw upon their larger repertoire of African, Caribbean and American music. Their energetic programs engage audiences through music and dance participation while providing education about African culture and its global influence.

Tuesday, June 29

Rick Kelly

Kelly's high-energy and infectious personality encourages everyone attending one of his performances to have a great time. He has performed successfully at universities and colleges, grade schools, festivals, corporate events and fine arts venues across the country. He has released seven CDs and two well-received children's works, including "Don't Just Sit There," written in cooperation with the Michigan Arts Foundation Learning to Give program.

Wednesday, July 14

Air Margaritaville (Jimmy Buffett tribute band)

Air Margaritaville is one of the best Jimmy Buffett Tribute bands in the country and has been entertaining "Parrott heads" throughout Michigan and the Midwest for more than 15 years. Audiences will love their renditions of "Cheeseburger in Paradise," "Margaritaville," "Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes," and other Buffett classics. After listening to Air Margaritaville on the OC patio, you'll have a smile on your face the rest of the day.

Tuesday, July 27

Alyssa Simmons

Come listen to a superstar in the making. Simmons, who at age 14 already has quite an impressive musical resume,

has the voice of a soul-driven angel on the brink of discovery. She has grown up surrounded by music. At the age of 3, she could sing the words to every song on the radio and eventually evolved into a powerful singer. She has opened for the Smothers Brothers, Diamond Rio and Randy Travis. She also was voted the winner of the WDIV/Marshall Field's Super Singer Contest at last summer's Freedom Festival Fireworks.

For more information on the Oakland Center patio concert series, contact the **Center for Student Activities** at (248) 370-2400 or csa@oakland.edu.

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