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OU students participating in Dancin' in the Street

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Oakland University will be showcasing its dance students and mascot during this year's downtown Rochester Dancin' in the Streets event Aug. 14 and 15.

OU's dance team, Images, will perform Saturday, Aug. 14, between 2 and 2:30 p.m. in the stage area on West Fourth Street and Walnut Boulevard. The Grizz, Oakland's mascot, also will be on hand to meet and greet onlookers.

Dancin' in the Street is an annual event that features live music, children's entertainment, a classic car show, Taste Fest hosted by downtown Rochester eateries and the annual Pet Pageant. All events take place in downtown Rochester on West Fourth Street between Main and Walnut streets on Saturday, Aug. 14, from noon to 10 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 15, from noon to 5 p.m. Free parking is available.

Last fall, Oakland University and the City of Rochester announced a formal agreement to partner on a variety of reciprocal business and academic ventures.

"The partnership was created to give our students and faculty the opportunity to take part in local events and to share our university with the community," said Gary Russi, president of Oakland University. "Dancin' in the Streets is a fun summer event where neighbors come together to have a good time and enjoy the city. It's also a great venue for our dance students to perform."

Oakland's dance team performs short routines during halftime and official time outs at OU basketball games. They recently returned from a regional competition where they took first place in their division. They also perform publicly and provide community services.

For more information on the Dancin' in the Street event, call the Rochester Downtown Development Authority at (248) 656-0060.

Dancin' in the Street Schedule of Events

Saturday, Aug. 14

- Noon-3 p.m. – Children's entertainment including comedy magician Chris Linn, juggling and comedy with Ben Spitzer, free face painting, balloon animals and prizes for the kids
- 2-2:30 p.m. – Oakland University's Dance Team, Images, will perform with a visit from the OU mascot, The Grizz.
- 3- 5 p.m. – Fifth Annual Pet Pageant
- 7-10 p.m. – Jello Shots will perform classic rock favorites from the 60s, 70s and 80s.
- Noon-10 p.m. – Taste Fest featuring downtown Rochester eateries

Sunday, Aug. 15

- 9 a.m.-5 p.m. – Rockin' Rods n' Rochester Classic Car Show
- Noon-1 p.m. – Radio Disney's Miss Firecracker will be live on stage with music, dancing and fun for the whole family.
- 1:30-4 p.m. – The Real Deal will perform music from the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Noon-5 p.m. – Taste Fest featuring downtown Rochester eateries

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