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Patio concerts return to Oakland Center

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Oakland University's **Student Program Board** and **Center for Student Activities** are presenting a series of four lunchtime patio concerts at the **Oakland Center** this summer.

The concerts begin Thursday, June 14, with the Steel Drum and African Drum Ensembles, a student group from OU's **Department of Music, Theatre and Dance**.

OU has presented the concerts for many years, but this year's student performances are a new addition, said Jean Ann Miller, assistant director of the Center for Student Activities.

"We're working more closely with the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance," Miller said. "We're trying to expose the student performers more to the university community and establish a new relationship with them. Hopefully, we'll have wonderful weather. But even if it rains, the music will be moved inside the Oakland Center to the TV Lounge area, and lunch will still be provided."

Concerts by professional performers include Onita Sander's harp on Wednesday, June 27; show tunes on piano by Reggie Braxton on Wednesday, July 11; and classic jazz with the New Concept Duo on Thursday, July 19. Each concert runs from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is free.

ARAMARK will offer a grilled lunch, featuring traditional picnic fare such as hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken, potato salad, soft drinks and desserts, at each concert for a small price.

Concert attendees are invited to contribute to the 2001 Metro Detroit American Heart Walk, an annual event held on OU's campus in September. The walk is held in conjunction with the American Heart Association to raise funds to fight heart disease and stroke.

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