

## Summertime concerts provide Michiganders with entertainment

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As the school year winds to a close, summer concerts begin to heat up. With Lansing just miles away, and Detroit and Grand Rapids within two hours, the opportunity to catch summer concerts is high.

Locally, one of the most popular events of the summer is Common Ground Music Festival. Taking place from July 5 to 8, the festival hosts a wide variety of performers from a range of genres. Headliners for the event include Gucci Mane, Logic, Halsey, BØRNS, Kip Moore and Hunter Hayes.

In addition to Common Ground, Faster Horses Festival in Brooklyn, MI attracts country fans from all around. From July 20-22, concertgoers have the option to camp on site, with a variety of choices. The festival features some of the biggest names in the country world, like Billy Currington, Blake Shelton, Florida Georgia Line and LOCASH. A festival pass is sold for \$199 and includes access to any performance for the three days.

MO POP Festival in Detroit is a big event among alternative fans. Featuring a variety of artists and bands, like this year's headliners Bon Iver, The National, Portugal. The Man and Billie Eilish, the festival draws a big crowd to West Riverfront Park. The

festival will take place on July 28 and 29, with the options of one or two day passes to be purchased.

To end the summer, Breakaway Music Festival in Grand Rapids attracts crowds from a mix of audiences. This year, Khalid and Odesza will headline the two-day event, taking place on August 24 and 25.

Mallory Keenoy (12) attended Breakaway last year and is hoping to go again this year.

"[My favorite part was] seeing a bunch of different artists that I might have otherwise never seen or heard of," Keenoy said. "I also loved the excitement of all of the lights and special effects like confetti that went with the music."

Despite high interest among con-

certgoers, Michigan offers much more than popular music festivals. With the summer heat, outdoor venues such as DTE Energy Music Theatre, Michigan Lottery Amphitheatre at Freedom Hill and Meadow Brook Amphitheatre host an array of concerts by some of the music world's hottest names.

With the release of his new album, Post Malone's tour is a must see among fans, like Jensen Adair (12).

"He's my favorite artist and I love all of his songs," Adair said.

The concert takes place on May 29 at Michigan Lottery Amphitheatre at Freedom Hill. Alongside Post Malone are performances by 21 Savage and SOB X RBE.

"I'm looking forward to starting off my summer with [his concert]

and spending time with my sister," Adair said.

Hip-Hop fans have more opportunities for concerts than just Post Malone; a big range of hip-hop and R&B artists will be visiting the Detroit area during the summer months.

Before his appearance at Breakaway, Khalid will be travelling to Meadow Brook Amphitheatre on June 1 as part of The Roxy Tour. In addition to Khalid, The Championship Tour, presented by Top Dawg Entertainment, will visit DTE on June 13. With performers like Kendrick Lamar, SZA and Schoolboy Q, the tour is full of talent and well-known artists.

Finally, ending the hip-hop summer concert series is G-Eazy's The Endless Summer Tour. This concert will also

take place at DTE, but on August 16. G-Eazy will be accompanied by Lil Uzi Vert and Ty Dolla Sign.

On the opposite end of the music spectrum, the popularity of country concerts is great in Michigan. Despite being the host of Faster Horses, many country artists still make sure to stop in Michigan for a summer concert.

On his Trip Around The Sun Tour, Kenny Chesney will visit Ford Field on August 6. In addition to Chesney, Thomas Rhett, Old Dominion and Brandon Lay will be featured on stage. To end the summer, Rascal Flatts' Back To Us Tour, featuring Dan + Shay, will take place at DTE on August 18.



## Summer Fashion

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**Mules:** Just to clear things up from your initial confusion when seeing the word "mules", they are any shoe that does not contain a back on the heel. And although I have been asked when wearing them "where are the rest of your shoes?" no one will be asking that after their rise to popularity this summer. While I don't believe that the main purpose of these shoes is to keep your heel from overheating, these shoes will provide that relief! So whether in the form of sneakers, heels, or casual flats, you can stay styling and cool all summer long.

**Sequins:** For those who think sequins are only for New Year's Eve, you'll feel far behind on your trends this summer. From swimwear to skirts to boots, sequins are taking over this summer. Pieces clad in the plastic, glistening circles will be catching your eye all through the long, sunny months of summer. To dress them down, try pairing with a sweatshirt-material or light denim.



**Plastic accessories:** While these products may seem uncomfortable or revealing this won't stop them from being everywhere throughout the hot months. They bring an edginess to any look, while also appearing light and fresh. Especially in shoes, plastic will be seen in the heel of your party shoes or the platform of your sandals. Plastic bags (not the ones you get from the grocery store) will also be making frequent appearances; just be sure you aren't trying to hide anything suspicious in them.



**Tiny sunglasses:** Some people may take one glance at these small spectacles and run away, scarred from their massive popularity in the late 90s, early 2000s. However, they are making a strong comeback, and will seem almost ubiquitous as you stroll down the beach or hit up the city. Being a favorite among many fashion influencing families (I'm looking at you Kardashians and Hadids), these matrix-styled shades will not be going anywhere. So whether with jean shorts and a tee, or any basic, going out-outfit, tiny sunglasses can add an element of high fashion to even the most apathetic of dressers.

**Knots:** With the rising temperatures of summer, knots are not only fashionable, but functional, too, if you ever need to tie up your shirt to make it cropped in the heat. This trend is easy to pull off and can be done by just taking an oversized shirt and tying together the extra fabric at the bottom. If you're not the DIY type, however, or just want to step up the look, brands all across the spectrum are selling pre-tied shirts, dresses with extra fabric around the waist to be ties, and short with fabric belts to create a cinched look at the waist.

