



A youngster creates a take-home treasure in the children's art booth.

## APPLES

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Skate Park will be there offering anyone an opportunity to decorate their deck — that's what they call the board in a skate board."

The Henry Ford's interactive Rouge Factory Tour will be on hand and M-Chip child ID program will be available on Saturday.

JC Drum and Music Center of Rochester will give everyone a chance to try their hand at drumming from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 8. The JC Drum Circle is among the entertainment that's new to the festival. "We have a few new groups. I was trying to do something dif-

ferent this year," said Chris Dunstan, festival entertainment coordinator.

She included The Novel Citizen, an "indie rock band" on the main stage schedule, which generally features folk music, local high school bands and dance studios. The group will perform at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 9. Dunstan also moved some musical acts into the children's art area this year.

Zippity2Dads, new to Art & Apples, will perform from 1-1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, and again from 1-3 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 9, in the children's area.

### FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Shawn Ryskamp of Oxford, one half of the singing duo, which also includes Tagg



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Smith of Waterford, said Zippity2Dads performs both educational concerts at elementary schools, as well as family shows at festivals.

"Our wives are both teachers and Tagg and I have been performing for a number of years together. We thought we might as well put something together for the schools."

Their most popular show for schools focuses on the pil-

lars of character, including respect, caring and trust. It's also the subject of their 2006 CD, *Thumbs up for Character*. Their 2007 CD, *Having Fun in Zanzibar*, includes family-friendly songs they've performed at festivals, including the National Cherry Festival in Traverse City.

"Some of our influences are the Everly Brothers, Barenaked Ladies, the Beatles. Tight harmonies, acoustical stuff," Ryskamp said. "Now we're playing concerts as well as being educational."

Zippity2Dads describe themselves as "Closer to the Beatles than Barney."

"We're not annoying to parents. We're for everybody," Ryskamp said.

Cuthbertson suggests that visitors set aside several hours to see everything at Art & Apples this year.

"We try to have a variety of things for everyone. A family

### 10 ART & APPLES STATS

- 2nd largest art festival in Michigan after the Ann Arbor Art Fair
- 42 years old
- 33rd in a list of the top 35 art festivals nationwide according to *Sunshine Artist* magazine
- 250-plus artists exhibit in painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry and more
- 100,000 visitors stream into Rochester Municipal Park during the three-day festival
- 400 volunteers pitch in before, during and after the event
- 25-year-old Paint Creek Center for the Arts benefits from Art & Apples
- \$5 is the suggested donation at admissions gates in the park
- 3 days left before the Aug. 29 application deadline for the first ever apple pie bakeoff
- 8 of 17 festival food court vendors will serve an apple food, including pie, strudel, carmel apples, honeyed apples, pastry, crisp, juice boxes, apple cake and apple blossoms

could easily spend the whole day," she said.

"With over 250 artist booths this year, they'll definitely have their work cut out seeing all of it."

For entertainment schedules, vendor menus, list of artist and parking shuttle schedule, visit [www.artandapples.com](http://www.artandapples.com).

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p.m. Sept. 15 on Belle Isle. The Detroit Duck Derby is just one

