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Kids, catchy tunes rock the school

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Little kids will be rocking as they share newfound knowledge when the Music Institute of Chicago presents "School House Rock Live Jr.," 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at 2008 Dempster, Evanston. Tickets are \$10.

"We have a summer camp program at the Music Institute of Chicago for music theater students," said camp coordinator Corinne Ness. "Each group does a show that's particular to their age and interest."

This production stars the youngest group of campers, in kindergarten through third grade -- 35 of them. "The music is really catchy, which is important for kids of their age to keep their interest," Ness said. "We also like it because it's got an educational bent to it. We've been trying to combine a lot of curricular things within it, remembering that it's summertime and it should still be fun, but also that if we engage their minds, their bodies will follow."

Families should enjoy the show, Ness said, because "it's got wittiness for adults but it's really geared for kids."

For details, call (847) 905-1500, Ext. 171.

Crafty!

There will be plenty to occupy kids while parents explore the artwork at the "35th Annual Lakeshore Arts Festival," 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, and Sunday, Aug. 5, at Dawes Park, on the lakefront between Dempster and Church. A children's craft tent will offer ongoing activities, plus kids can get free face painting and Indian henna decorating. The family stage lineup includes a diverse range of kids' entertainers as well as a demonstration of circus arts by the Actors Gymnasium.

For details, call (847) 448-8260. .

Far-out feline

A cat with special powers, including the ability to speak with humans, arrives in a UFO in "The Cat from Outer Space." Drop-in and find out how the cat reclaims and repairs his ship, after it is impounded by the United States government, at 10 a.m. or 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, at Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road.

For details, call (847) 729-7500.

One for all

Audiences will be expected to participate when singer/keyboardist Rick Kelly performs an "Eat to the Beat Concert," 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Jewett Park, 836 Jewett Park Drive, Deerfield. Kelly's performance is geared for both children and adults.

For details, call (847) 945-0650.

Striking up the band

Whether your family's taste runs to Mozart, marches or musicals, they're sure to enjoy hearing the Glenview Concert Band, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, at Kalk Park, Park Avenue and Green Bay Road, Glencoe. The group has been playing in its home 'burb and

neighboring towns like Glencoe since 1985.

For details, call (847) 835-7970.

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