

Rock out with TLC Productions at Village Theater

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Talent from two local bands, Damage Control and McLaughlin's Alley, will help TLC Productions "rock the house" next month at the Village Theater in Canton.

"This is going to be a fun show. People will be tapping their feet," said Tim Chanko, keyboardist for Damage Control and co-founder of TLC Productions, the Canton-based theater group that's sponsoring the rock cabaret on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Chanko will perform lead vocals along with Maureen Paraventi, of Redford and Kara Fay Cardella of Ypsilanti. Both women are active in community theater and Paraventi is a member of McLaughlin's Alley, which plays pop and rock songs, along with Irish favorites at festivals, bars and fundraisers throughout southeastern Michigan.

"I've worked with both of them in musical productions. They're good actors, too," Chanko said. "In this respect, they'll mainly be singing."



Local cover band Damage Control, will lend its keyboard player, Tim Chanko, left front, to Rock the House, A Rock-and-Roll Cabaret, next month in Canton.

Dave Skrzynski of Royal Oak, on bass guitar, Cheryl Chanko of South Lyon, on keyboards, Bob Espinoza of Canton, drummer, and Dave Schmidt of Northville, Damage Control guitarist, will accompany the trio. Leanne Young of South Lyon and Ken Overwater of Dearborn will act out the cabaret story, which is just one way the annual show has evolved since its debut last year.

"The first time we did this we just picked different songs from the 1960s to current and we had a deejay announcing the music. Now we have more of a story. A couple is trying to open a club and they are imagining a theme. And then the band plays that theme. There is a little tension in the story in that they could lose the club if they don't pick the right theme," Chanko said.

Music themes

The band will play rock music from Motown, movies and theater, as well as themes of beach/summer, piano bar and cars.

"For theater rock, one that should be fun is 'Time Warp,' from 'Rocky Horror Picture Show.' For Motown we're doing 'Reach Out,' by the Four Tops and 'Respect,'" Chanko said. "It should be fun."

The 90-minute show also was moved from the studio stage to the main auditorium this year. Chanko said the main stage offers more opportunity to create a lighting design that will enhance the show.

"It's such a nice theater. The main stage was available and we wanted to try it," he said. "It holds around 400 seats."

Rock the House, A Rock and Roll Cabaret is at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 40500 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are \$15. Buy them by phone at the Village Theater Box Office, 734-394-5300 or 734-394-5460. Or visit tlcproductions.org.

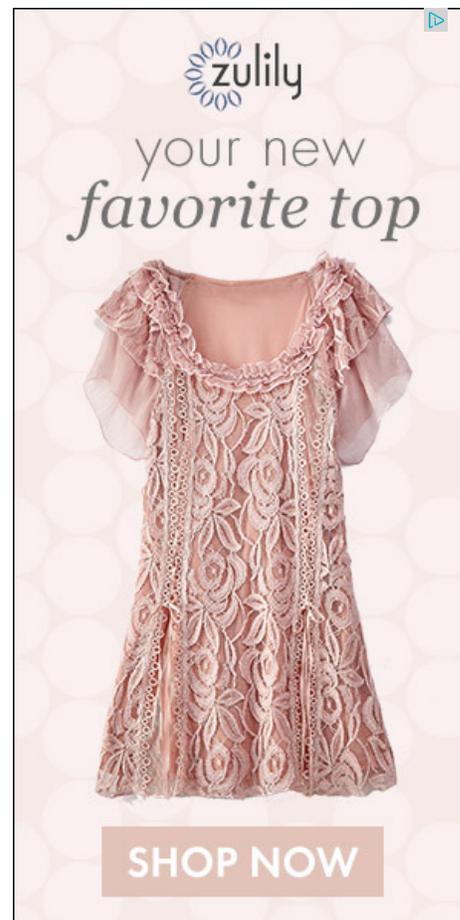
Can't wait to rock out on Sept. 12? You can catch a few of the performers this month.

Watch Maureen Paraventi and McLaughlin's Alley perform 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22 at The Goldfish Tea Cafe, 117 W. Fourth Street, between Main and Washington Street in downtown Royal Oak; 248-541-5252.

Damage Control, with Tim Chanko and Dave Schmidt take the stage at 6 p.m. Aug. 29, at Burroughs Roadhouse, 5311 Brighton Road, Brighton; 810-227-6000.

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