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Ready to Rock?! Award-winning Music Fest for Kids, "Rock Around the Hawk," Returns to The Hawk for Third Season

The free monthly program exposes tiny concertgoers, ages 18-months to 5-years-old, and their caregivers to music and art while celebrating iconic music experiences

WHAT:

Rock Around the Hawk, a **free** monthly drop-in program for little ones ages 18-months to 5-years-old and their caregivers, returns to The Hawk for its third season beginning Sept. 6. The unique program exposes tiny concertgoers to music and art through age-appropriate activities with themes that are fun for kids and adults alike.

One Friday morning each month through June 2025, The Hawk Black Box Theatre will transform into a magical, musical experience that lightheartedly pays homage to legendary music festivals and cultural institutions through themed crafts, music, performances and dancing. Themes for 2024/2025 include: **Studio Almost 4 on Sept. 6**, a kiddo disco inferno, and **Awesome City Limits on Oct. 4**, bringing the weird wonder of Austin, Texas to Farmington Hills. A full list of dates and themes can be found here in the City's Fall Activities Guide.

Rock Around the Hawk, which was selected as a 2023/2024 Innovative Recreation Programming Award winner by the Michigan Recreation & Parks Association, is a program of the City's Special Services Department Cultural Arts Division. The City of Farmington Hills has the largest dedicated municipal Cultural Arts Division in the State of Michigan. The Division coordinates arts programming for the community, including classes, events, and activities in visual and performing arts, and year-round performances at The Hawk Theatre, to expose diverse populations to the arts. Rock Around the Hawk is made possible in part by a grant from the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families.

WHO:

Rock Around the Hawk is designed for preschool-aged children, ages 18-months to 5-years-old and their caregivers.

WHEN:

10-11:30 a.m., one Friday each month from Sept. 2024 through June 2025

- Sept. 6, 2024
- Oct. 4, 2024
- Nov. 1, 2024
- Dec. 13, 2024
- Jan. 3, 2025

- Feb. 7, 2025
- March 7, 2025
- April 4, 2025
- May 9, 2025
- June 6, 2025

WHERE: The Hawk Theatre Blackbox

29995 W. 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills, MI 48334

For more information, call 248-473-1850.

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About the City of Farmington Hills

The City of Farmington Hills is a place where everyone is welcome. Founded in 1973, it is one of the largest and most diverse communities in Oakland County. Farmington Hills is home to more than 83,000 residents who speak more than 60 languages, and more than 75 Fortune 500 businesses, including multinational corporations like Nissan and Bosch. The City is known for its extensive amenities, including its 600 acres of parks, 90 athletic fields, six miles of hiking and walking trails, the Farmington Hills Golf Club, and an Ice Arena. Farmington Hills is also home to The Hawk, an award-winning, 245,000-square-foot recreation and performance venue, which includes The Hawk Theatre and The Hawk Makerspace. For more information, visit www.fhgov.com.

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