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Patriotic Pops

Join **Hector Guzman**, your **Plano Symphony Orchestra (PSO)**, and the **Patriotic Pops Chorus** for a rousing and inspiring tribute to our country and the people dedicated to preserving our freedom.

Patriotic Pops is Sunday, July 4 at 3 p.m. at the Eisemann Center. The program will include Americana favorites, including “The Star Spangled Banner” and “Stars and Stripes Forever.” The program will also feature John Williams’ moving music from *Saving Private Ryan*.

The Patriotic Pops Chorus is composed of experienced choral singers from many churches and civic choruses throughout North Texas. Join them and PSO in a salute to our Armed Forces! Special guests include the 50-piece **Vigilantes Drum & Bugle Corps**.

Reserved seating tickets begin at \$8; add \$2 at the door.

► **Sunday, July 4 • 972.473.7262 • planosymphony.org**

Damn Yankees

McKinney Summer Musicals (MSM) presents *Damn Yankees*, a modern retelling of the Faust legend set in the 1950s when the New York Yankees dominated Major League Baseball.



Patrick Briggs will portray Mr. Applegate in *Damn Yankees*. Photo/Rick Robertson

The show features a cast of colorful characters and a dozen timeless tunes, including “Heart” and “Whatever Lola Wants, Lola Gets.”

Damn Yankees includes an all-male baseball team and a dancing chorus, backed by a live orchestra led by **Buddy Mattei**. “This is Buddy’s first year with MSM, and we are thrilled with the level of experience he will bring to this year’s show,” said director/choreographer **Kevyn Robertson**. “It’s going to be a rewarding journey for us all—and lots of fun for our audiences as well!” Leading the cast are **Patrick Briggs** as Mr. Applegate and **Denise Pacific** as Lola, Applegate’s “secret weapon.” **Trey West** is Joe Hardy, and **Noelle Chesney** and **Don High** are Meg and Van Buren. The show’s music director is **Noelle Chesney**.

Performances are July 10–18 at the McKinney North High School theater. MSM is funded in part by the City of McKinney through a grant from the City of McKinney Arts Commission.

► **July 10–18 • 972.562.2429 • mckinneysummermusicals.com**



Photo/Pizza Hut Park

Rascal Flatts

Make plans to attend one of the hottest country music concerts in North Texas. **Rascal Flatts** is returning to Frisco’s Pizza Hut Park on Saturday, July 24. The 2010 tour is sure to feature hits from their latest album *Unstoppable*, and fingers are crossed they’ll play fan favorites like “Me and My Gang,” “What Hurts the Most,” and Grammy award-winning “Bless the Broken Road.” Join Gary LeVox, lead vocals; Jay DeMarcus, bass guitar, vocals; and Joe Don Rooney, lead guitar, vocals on Saturday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m. Special guests **John Rich**, **Kellie Pickler**, and **Chris Young** will also perform.

► **Saturday, July 24 • 972.562.2429 • ticketmaster.com**

three events you don't want to miss this month

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