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Julian Pavone, 4, started playing the drums at 3 months old. He has since recorded a CD and appeared on "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

Four-year-old drummer ready to rock Mount Clemens

One musician appearing at this year's festival reached his 4th birthday only a month ago.

Making his first appearance at Stars & Stripes is music phenom Julian Pavone, billed as the World's Youngest Drummer. The talented tyke performs at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 28, on the Fountain Stage, the second day of the three-day festival in Mount Clemens. The set

should last about 40 minutes.

Julian, a Bloomfield Hills native and the son of Lisa and Bernadino Pavone, started playing the drums at 3 months old, while sitting on his father's lap. He now sits on a miniature stool and plays an 8-piece custom drum set with 10 cymbals and a double kick. He plays rock, funk, fusion and jazz beats with his Vic Firth Signature Series sticks on Innovation Drums and Sabian Cymbals, with Remo skins.

He has been featured on dozens of television shows, including "Good Morning America," "Inside Edition," "FOX News Dayside," "WKYC's Good Company (Cleveland)," and most recently, "The Oprah Winfrey Show," as one of the country's most talented kids.

According to his Web site, www.little-drummerbaby.com, his favorite bands include The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, The Who, Chicago, TOTO, Rush, Earth, Wind and Fire, Journey, Commodores, Parliament, Stephanie K and The Detroit Katz, Barry White, and Santana.

He is currently working on his second CD.

— Andrea Nobile-Westfall