

# Entertainment

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## Spotlight

### Russ Parks has the look, sound

This new monthly series, entitled *Spotlight*, will focus on up and coming talent in the field of popular entertainment, who reside in the Observer & Eccentric communities. If you would like to suggest an area resident to be considered for a story and photo, write to *Spotlight* in care of the Observer & Eccentric, Entertainment Department, P.O. Box 585, Birmingham 48012.

By Tim Cohan  
Special writer

In the world of fashion, the most sought-after models are those who have that indefinable quality called "the look." In musical circles, the important thing is to have a good sound. Birmingham resident Russ Parks is making a name for himself in both of these areas.

Parks, a 24-year-old model and musician, makes juggling these two divergent careers look easy. He hasn't found dividing his time to be a problem. Neither modeling nor music is a full-time money-maker for him, yet. He fills in the gaps by working weekends as a waiter at the Birmingham Country Club.

#### Ironically, his introduction to modeling came about as the result of an audition as a singer-guitarist.

"Modeling comes and goes," he said. "I'm not pursuing it 100 percent, and it doesn't pursue me 100 percent."

But, for a part-time model, Parks has racked up some impressive credentials. He's appeared in print in the major Detroit newspapers and monthlies and in *Cosmopolitan* magazine. His live experiences include work on various television shows, including "Kelly and Company," "Good Afternoon Detroit" and Sonya Friedman's show. He's also done runway work, catalogues, automobile ads, industrial films and TV commercials.

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"A few years ago," Parks said, "I went to Gail and Rice (a noted talent agency) and I played some music for them. I messed up. I forgot lyrics and

everything. They said, 'Well, you have some talent, but you need to work on this and that. Why don't you talk to our modeling department?'"

SO, PARKS had some photographs taken. But he was hardly an overnight success.

"I didn't work for a year — not one job — and then all of a sudden — boom! Hudson's picked up on me. I worked with a great lady there who taught me so much. And it went from there."

After that early failed audition, Parks tightened up his musical act. He now performs solo all around town, with recent and upcoming appearances at the Back Seat Saloon in Keego Harbor, Mike Kelly's in Dearborn and Mountain Jack's in Bloomfield Hills. He specializes in soft, melodic music of the kind epitomized by such artists as Dan Fogelberg. Parks' pleasant voice and agile playing on six-string and 12-string guitars have started to win him some faithful fans.

But Parks has ambitions that he hopes will soon take him beyond the local circuit of bars and restaurants. He writes his own songs and is making plans to get them heard.

"I hope to end up either selling my songs or performing them myself," he said. "It's kind of a rough road, but I love it."

His material tends to be romantic and slow, but "I'm trying to move my writing in all directions. I've started listening to more jazz lately, and that influence has started to show up in my songs."

Parks believes it's important to set goals for himself, and his main one for 1986 is "to put out a single, or even an EP (extended play record) with about six songs on it. I have all these songs sitting at home in my notebook, but now I'm ready to put them out and see what happens."

His long-term goal is to get involved in entertainment on the national level. "I'd like to work in some sort of production. Music, or maybe television."

Russ Parks can be currently seen in two calendars — "Hunks and Junks" and "Michigan Models." He seems slightly embarrassed by the hunk label, but takes it all in stride. His preference is clearly his music.

"I'm just glad to get a little exposure. I want people to come out and have a good time and enjoy the music I play."



LIZ CARNEGIE

Model and musician Russ Parks of Birmingham currently is performing as a singer-guitarist at the Back Seat Saloon in Keego Harbor.

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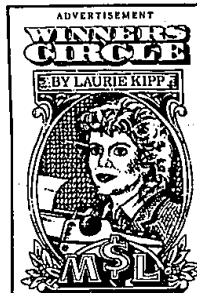
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