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Captain Rik & Donna

Opposites attract in a positive way for this Hills couple



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Rik and Donna Jagger clown around at Donna's Malibu Bodies salon on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

Featured artist favors landscapes

Raenette Franklin is the September artist of the month for the Farmington Artists Club.

Her 10-piece exhibition will be in the quiet room on the first floor of the Farmington Community Library, 32727 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. All pieces will be for sale.

The media will be watercolor and acrylic on canvas. Most of the subject matter is landscapes.

Franklin, a Birmingham resident whose studio is in that city, holds a bachelor of fine arts degree from Wayne State University.

A freelancer, Franklin has had a career in advertising specializing in illustration and has held the position of art director in several agencies.

FRANKLIN enjoys working in a variety of media and styles. Her il-

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lustration background is seen in her watercolors and colored pencil drawings.

She loosens up with acrylic on canvas, often working in an impressionistic style. Landscapes are her favorite subject matter.

Franklin also enjoys a departure from realism constructing works out of sculpted canvas using acrylic and mixed media.

She calls these works "sculpted

paintings" because they are a combination of two forms. She believes experimentation is a means of expression.

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She has exhibited privately and in art shows in the Detroit area.



Raenette Franklin, a Birmingham resident, is Artist of the Month for September at the 12 Mile Road branch of the Farmington Hills Community Library. One of her works, an acrylic on canvas, is in the photo.

By Susan Buck
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TEENS KNOW him as Captain Rik Jagger of WHYY-FM (96.3).

Amyre Makupson of Channel 50 knows Donna Jagger as the station makeup artist who convinced her to shed her natural brunette locks for the first time in her life and become a blonde.

For the Jagers, it's a marriage of unending contrasts.

He's a morning person. She's not. As director of the station's news, sports and public affairs, Rik knows that reporting the news takes precedence, so he's humble about his professional achievements.

On the other hand, Donna knows the importance of feeding your own horn in a fiercely competitive field.

The couple realized that opposites can attract in a positive way when they married 2½ years ago.

"We had a whirlwind courtship and fell madly in love," said Donna, who owns Malibu Bodies, on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

"I'm not one to stay home, and I knew what I wanted to do," she said. "I think he's more involved in the (salon) business than he ever dreamed he would be."

RIK ADMITS that before he met Donna he was perfectly happy getting up at three in the morning, doing his radio show, returning home at 11 a.m. and sleeping the rest of the day.

"It's an understatement to say that that has changed," Donna said. "If he gets four hours of sleep a night, he's a lucky man."

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Every 13-year-old girl is in love with her husband, Donna admits.

"Every client that comes in here who has someone between the ages of nine or 10 to 16 who walks in here wants to know, 'Why isn't 96.3 on?'"

The station plays a combination of top 40 and urban music.

Rik has worked at the station more than six years, also reporting on U of M football games.

He was the first FM helicopter traffic reporter in Detroit radio history.

"It's a small piece of trivia that I'm very happy to be part of," he said. "I used to fly for WHYY and WJR doing traffic reports. I started in January 1985 and put me on the air in the studios in March 1987. There are many imitators since."

He holds the record for longevity at the radio station.

DONNA OPENED Malibu Bodies two years ago, after working in many area salons.

"I decided to take what I learned into my own salon, in my own neighborhood with people that I know. I know their lifestyle," she said.

Donna was raised in the Farmington Hills area and is a Mercy High School graduate.

"I was very lucky to get on Or-

chard Lake," she said. "It took a long time to get here."

Rik, a Taylor native who moved to the northern suburbs, assists as a handyman and accountant at the salon.

"He's not the celebrity in this salon, I am," Donna joked. "I do all of the facials here, all of the chemical peels and the makeup."

Every evening, Donna heads for Channel 50 studios in Southfield. She earned her position as makeup artist by "coup." She called up the station one day, expressed her conviction that she is the best makeup artist in town and offered her services for free to prove it.

"Three days later, they called me up and asked me if I would be interested in being the salon of choice," Donna said. "I've been doing them (Channel 50) for eight months now, six times a week. We do all the on-air personalities there as well as those off-the-air."

Donna backs in their visual image transformation.

She is also extremely proud that Monthly Detroit magazine last year chose her salon as one of the top three salons in Michigan.

"When you walk into my salon, you never have to go anywhere else."

Donna is the sole makeup artist for the Leah Marks fashion shows and recently did the makeup for a Cleveland HIV/AIDS benefit.

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