

## Arts commission seeks nominations for '97 artist in residence program

Annually since 1976, the Farmington Area Arts Commission has recognized the achievements of individuals and groups in the arts by naming the Farmington Area Artist in Residence and the Distinguished Service to the Arts honorees.

The artist-in-residence award recognizes the talent and accomplishments of an individual who resides in the cities of Farmington or Farmington Hills with a cash award, plaque and recognition in their honor.

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes outstanding service to the community in the creative arts. Groups and individuals may receive this award for support, promotion, management or teaching of the arts and are honored with a cash award and plaque at the reception.

Individual as well as group assistance is sought in the nomination of candidates. Previously nominated candidates are encouraged for re-nomination. Nominating petitions are available at the city clerk's office in Farmington and Farmington Hills city hall.

"The selection is most difficult because there are so many qualified candidates," said Nan Reid, a spokeswoman for the commission.

All application material must be received by Monday, March 17. Selections will be made prior to March 21. Honoree reception

■ There are many qualified candidates.

Nan Reid  
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is April 27. Send materials to: Farmington Area Arts Commission, Artist in Residence Committee, c/o City Manager's office, 31655 Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills 48336.

Joe Clark won the first artist in residence award, presented in 1976. Others honored include John Glick, Edie Joppich, George Still, Gail Yurasek Pienpberg, Charlene Slabey and Alice Nichols.

From 1983 through 1989, the artist in residence winners were Tom Hale, Walter Reddin, Lois Bro, Larry Hayden, Monte Nagler, Gwen Tomkow and Frank Lohm.

From 1989 through 1995, Lena Massara, Donna Vogelheim, Evanthisa Samra, Karen Nixon Lane, Elaine Grahman and Kegham Tasian were honored. Last year, painter Howard Weingard was artist in residence.

Members of the arts commission include Haroune Alamedine, Kay Briggs, Fern Barber, Beverly Ellis, Bobbi Golman, Eric Johnston, Nanette Reid, Evanthisa Samra and Ellen Walila.

MARVIN CURRIE  
Marie A. Currie and Timothy J. Marvin were married October 11, 1996.

12, 1996 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington.

Marie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Currie of Farmington Hills. She is a graduate of Mercy High School, the University of Detroit, and Georgetown University. She is a publicist for The Community House in Birmingham.

Timothy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Marvin of Adrian. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. He is a technical manager for Ameritech in Detroit.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Rome and live in Farmington Hills.



JENNIFER KUSZMA  
Jennifer Kusma and Kevin Lannon were married Oct. 19, 1996, at Orchard Lake St. Mary's in Orchard Lake.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Nancy Kusma of Northville, formerly of Farmington. She is a graduate of Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. She is employed as a marketing representative for Priority Health in Grand Rapids.

The groom is the son of Bruce and Gail Lannon of Flushing.

He is also a graduate of Aquinas College. He is a district manager for D & N Bank.

### MILHIZER-ALLEN

Barbara and Edward Milhizer of Brighton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin, to Charles (Brad) Allen, son of Charlie and Gori Allen of Milford and Donna and Jerry Damon of Farmington.

Kristin is a 1988 graduate of Brighton High School and graduated in 1993 from Northwood University. She is a real estate

appraiser with Milhizer and Associates in Brighton.

Brad is a 1987 graduate of West Highland Christian Academy and also graduated from Northwood University in 1993. He is an account manager with Quanta, Inc. in Brighton.

The couple will be married on October 18, 1997 at West Highland Baptist Church in Milford.

## Series on Holocaust offered

North Congregational Church of Farmington Hills and the Ecumenical Institute will present a three part series on the Holocaust, "Life Unworthy of Life."

This program, which has been developed specifically for young people and their parents, will explore the impact of the Holocaust on Jewish and Christian families.

The series will be taught by Rev. Dr. James Lyons of the Ecumenical Institute and will be held at North Congregational Church, 365520 Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

The first two sessions will be on Sunday, Feb. 23 and Sunday,

March 9 at 6 p.m.; the third session will be a tour of the Holocaust Memorial Center on Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. For more information, or to make reservations, call the ecumenical institute at 353-2434.

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Four judges have been announced for the annual scholarship auditions sponsored by the Farmington Musicale, to be held on Saturday, March 1, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church.

Vocalists will sing for Anna

Speck, soprano, who is a member of the voice faculty of Wayne State University and at the Center for Creative Studies. She has performed throughout the midwest and is a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

Velda Kelly will judge the string participants. She teaches and performs in the metropolitan Detroit area and is currently

with the Michigan Opera Symphony Orchestra. She also has appeared as soloist with the Southfield Symphony and the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra.

Mark Barton, who also will be judging, will hear the brass, winds and percussion students.

He is director of bands in the West Bloomfield Schools. He is also active as a private teacher and as a performer has played locally with the Pontiac, West Bloomfield symphonies and the Farmington Community Band.

Pianists will perform for Thomas Kuras, currently the director of music at St. Joseph's Church in Detroit. He is a well known adjudicator, lecturer and instructor. As a composer, he has been commissioned for works by music societies in the United States, Canada and Europe. He maintains an active private teaching schedule in piano, organ and harpsichord.

Sixty seven music students in grades 7 through 12 have applied for Farmington Musicale scholarships, according to spokeswoman Beverly Nesseth.

She said that four scholarships will be offered to instrumental students, up to strings, six to piano students and four to vocal students. Two special awards will be presented on March 16 during a recital, Noteantine said.

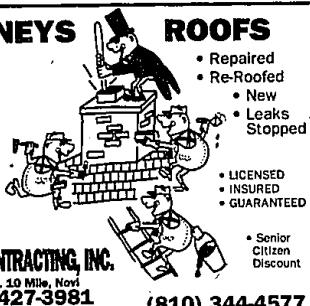


Mark Barton

Thomas Kuras

Anna Speck

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