

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 reception 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

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Nan Reid,
—FAAC

is April 27. Send materials to: Farmington Area Arts Commission, Artist in Residence Committee, c/o City Manager's office, 31555 Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills 48335.

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

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

From 1990 through 1995, Lena Masarska, Donna Vogelheim, Evanthis Samra, Karen Nixon Lane, Elaine Grohman and Kegang Tazian were honored. Last year, painter Howard Wein-garden was artist in residence.

Members of the arts commission include Haroune Alameddine, Kay Briggs, Fern Barber, Beverly Ellis, Bobbi Gelman, Eric Johnston, Nanette Reid, Evanthis Samra and Ellen Wallis.



MARVIN-CURRIE
Marie A. Currie and Timothy J. Marvin were married October 12, 1996 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington.

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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.



MILHIZER-ALLEN
Barbara and Edward Milhizer of Brighton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin, to Charles (Brad) Allen, son of Charlie and Gerri 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

LANNON-KUZMA

Jennifer Kuzma 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 Kuzma 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.

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, 36520 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 on 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.

Farmington Musicales names judges for scholarship competition March 1

Four judges have been announced for the annual scholarship auditions sponsored by the Farmington Musicales, 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 a 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 Musicales scholarships; according to spokeswoman Beverly Notestine. She said that four scholarships will be offered to instrumental students, six to strings, six to piano students and four to vocal students. Two special awards will be presented on March 16 during a recital, Notestine said.

Student in D.C. for leadership conference

Matt Wayne of Farmington has been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference from Feb. 18-23 in Washington D.C.

The National Young Leaders Conference is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit.

Matt, a junior at Farmington High School, will be among 360 outstanding national scholars attending the conference from across the U.S.

The theme is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the six day conference, Matt will interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

Highlights of the program include welcoming remarks from the floor of the United States House of Representatives and a

panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club. Matt may also meet with his senators and representative or an appointed member of their staff to discuss important issues facing Farmington and the nation.

To complement these special meetings and briefings, Matt will participate in a number of leadership skill building activities.

In one activity, "If I were president," students role play the president, members of the cabinet and representatives from Capitol Hill who must respond to an international crisis involving Russia.

The National Young Leaders Conference culminates with the model Congress, in which scholars assume the role of U.S. representatives by debating, amending and voting on proposed legislation for an official language and immigration

reform.

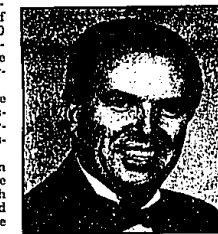
The National Young Leaders Conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, a non profit, non partisan, educational organization.

Founded in 1985, the council is committed to "fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential."

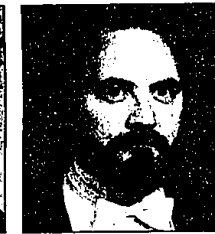
Over 375 members of the U.S. congress join this commitment as members of the council's honorary congressional board of advisors. Each year, only 7,000 youth nationwide may participate in the 20 sessions of the National Young Leaders Conference.

"The conference provides the opportunity for students to distinguish themselves as tomorrow's leaders," said Michael Ladday, council executive director.

"Scholars not only gain knowledge and experience in the nation's capital, they leave with a sense of accomplishment and an increased ability to face the challenges of the future."



Mark Barton



Thomas Kuras



Anna Speck

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