

## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



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### On-line art auction offers chance to make a difference

The jagged line of the fence cuts like so many knives through the heart. In the background, an early morning mist sets a haunting tone. This is the battle ground in Gettysburg where 52,000 men lost their lives during the Civil War.

Even if Brother Vincent Reyes hadn't relayed the story behind the photograph he took, the image left me wondering about the eerie landscape. That's the power of photography. It captures the history of places and people, or simply a moment in time. In the case of Gettysburg, the black and white print documents the sacred ground, and it's why Reyes chose to donate it to an on-line auction of photographs to benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit where he serves as pastoral director.

The Visions of the Sacred Web site, [www.visionsofthesacred.org](http://www.visionsofthesacred.org), features color and black and white images of men, women, children and nature that 45-photographers found sacred in the world. For a second year Reyes called on shooters he knows in the business to donate the photographs recently exhibited at Andiamo's in Bloomfield Hills. Reyes has called on all his connections in the community to make the auction a success. Last year, 7,000 people were fed with proceeds from the project.



**Sacred Ground:** Brother Vincent Reyes took this photograph on the Gettysburg battle ground where 52,000 men lost their lives.

"The first people touched by the project were photographers," said Reyes who's exhibited his photographs in the SnapOne Fine Arts shows in Novi and Livonia. "I wanted to tell the story of what is sacred in the world and support the soup kitchen. They were touched by what their work would accomplish. That it would touch the lives of many thousands of people who make use of the soup kitchen. Everyone wants to feel that they've made some kind of imprint on the world."

Observer photographer Bill Bresler was eager to donate a print because he's seen first hand the children, women and men waiting in line with their trays. The Capuchin Soup Kitchen serves more than 60,000 meals a month at its two locations.

Bresler hopes his photograph brings in a substantial amount of money to help the friars feed the hungry as they've done since 1929. The work is one of the more humorous in the auction. Two children — one an angel, the other the Virgin Mary — wait backstage to take part in a play put on by the Newman Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The bored looks on their faces are sure to bring smiles to viewers.

"I donated the print because it's a great cause," said Bresler who's worked for the Observer Newspapers for more than 20 years. Bresler also teaches photography at Madonna University in Livonia. "As photographers it's the least we can do. Brother Vincent has a life or death mission. There's nothing more basic than feeding your brothers and sisters."

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# MUSIC UNDER THE Stars

## OUTDOOR CONCERT SEASON UNDERWAY



A h summer...time for picnics and playing loud music, kicking back with music, watching the sun set and the stars come out.

You can do all that and more at southeastern Michigan's major outdoor concert venues: DTE Energy Music Theatre in Clarkston, Meadow Brook Music Festival in Rochester and Freedom Hill Amphitheatre in Sterling Heights.

The concert season is underway with more than 100 shows — from pop to rock to country to classical — scheduled through August.

It's time to grab your blanket, pack a picnic dinner and settle back to hear your favorite musician perform under the stars.

### Meadow Brook Music Festival

Meadow Brook Music Festival brings an eclectic mix of music, art, food and comedy to the Oakland University campus this summer.

Originally built as the Detroit Symphony's summer home, the 7,700 seat outdoor venue will give DSO fans 15 concert opportunities in July and August to hear Beethoven, Brahms, Mozart and other classical music under the stars.

Two special annual events, the Fine Art at Meadow Brook juried art fair and Michigan Wine and Food Festival, fill the festival grounds the final two weekends in June.

The juried art show runs 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, June 22-23, with the \$1 admission at the festival grounds going to charity. One hundred fifty artists will sell glass, photographs, wood, metal sculpture, mixed media works, ceramics, jewelry, fibers, graphics and paintings. The festival will include live musical entertainment and specialty food and vendor booths.

The Michigan Food and Wine Festival runs 4-10 p.m., Friday, June 28, noon-10 p.m., Saturday, June 29 and noon-5 p.m., Sunday, June 30. Tickets are \$17 general admission, \$11 for designated drivers and \$4 for children and teens, age 12-17. Admission is free for children under 12.

The festival gives wine-lovers a chance to meet winemakers and winery owners, while sampling from nearly 100 Michigan wines. Vendors also will select Michigan food items, including dipping oils, smoked fish and cheeses. Ticket-holders can attend wine seminars and cooking demon-

strations in addition to sampling food and wine. Live entertainment will play non-stop jazz, reggae, rock and string music.

Tickets for the art fair, food and wine festival and other events are available at The Meadow Brook Music Festival box office, The Palace of Auburn Hills box, DTE Energy Music Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

### Other details:

**Location:** Enter the festival grounds off Walston or Adams. Meadow Brook is located on the northeast side of Oakland University's campus in Rochester.

**Parking:** The parking area opens at 5:30 p.m., for most evening shows and two hours before showtime for matinees. Ticket-holders may picnic in the parking lot before events, although alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

**What to bring:** Guests may bring picnic baskets, coolers, ice, beach chairs with short legs, blankets, sleeping bags and tarps, umbrellas and binoculars. Leave the long-legged chairs, alcohol, bottles, cans or any liquid containers, glass containers, strollers, wagons, video and sound recording devices at home. Meadow Brook allows juice boxes at children's shows and strollers and wagons at children's showmatinees.

**Concessions:** The festival sells beer, wine, cocktails, juices, coffee, water, soft drinks, ice cream, desserts, hot dogs, grilled chicken sandwiches, hamburgers, French fries, deli sandwiches, snacks and more.

Here's the complete list of Meadow Brook Music Festival music and comedy acts:

**Friday, June 1:** Monkoo Mania starring Micky Dolenz and Davy Jones, with special guest Barry Williams, 8 p.m., \$35 pavilion, \$18.50 lawn.

**Saturday, June 15:** Dan Fogelberg with The Band, 8 p.m., \$32.50 pavilion, \$18.50 lawn.

**Wednesday, June 19:** Anne Murray, 8 p.m., \$37.50 pavilion, \$20 lawn.

**Wednesday, June 26:** Scholastic's Magic School Bus Live presents The Reading Show, 1 and 7 p.m., \$10 pavilion and lawn.

**Wednesday, July 3:** Jewel, 7:30



Anne Murray

p.m., \$38 pavilion, \$20.50 lawn.

**Friday, July 5:** Jim Brickman, 8 p.m., \$29.50 pavilion, \$17 lawn.

**Wednesday, July 10:** Dave Mason, Ambrosia, Gary Wright and John Ford Coley, 8 p.m., \$25 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn.

**Friday, July 12:** The DSO with The Dances of Spain, 8 p.m., \$56, \$43, \$23 pavilion, \$18 lawn.

**Saturday, July 13:** The DSO with Boldly Beethoven, 8 p.m., \$56, \$43 and \$23 pavilion, \$18 lawn.

**Sunday, July 14:** The DSO with Giants of Broadway, 7:30 p.m., \$56, \$43 and \$23 pavilion, \$18 lawn.

**Tuesday, July 16:** Garfield in Happy Birthday to Me, 1 and 7 p.m., \$10 pavilion and lawn.

**Wednesday, July 17:** Barrage, violin and fiddle revue, 8 p.m., \$35 and \$20 pavilion, \$15 lawn.

**Thursday, July 18:** David Cassidy, 8 p.m., \$45 and \$35 pavilion, \$20 lawn.

**Friday, July 19:** The DSO with Summer Fantasia, 8 p.m., \$56, \$43 and \$23 pavilion, \$18 lawn.

**Saturday, July 20:** The DSO with Roman Festival, 8 p.m., \$56, \$43, \$23 pavilion, \$18 lawn.

**Sunday, July 21:** The DSO with Radio Days, 7:30 p.m., \$56, \$43, \$23 pavilion, \$18 lawn.

**Thursday, July 25:** Dave Koz & Friends, featuring Norman Brown and Brian Culbertson with special guest James Ingram, 7:30 p.m., \$42.50 pavilion, \$20 lawn.

**Friday, July 26:** The DSO with Gypsy Spirit, 8 p.m., \$56, \$43, \$23 pavilion, \$18 lawn.

**Saturday, July 27:** The DSO with Brahms by the Book, 8 p.m., \$56, \$43, \$23 pavilion, \$18 lawn.

**Sunday, July 28:** The DSO with Dianne



Allison Krauss



Luther Vandross

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