

# Tribute dinner kicks off wine benefit

A collection of the world's largest companies and their top managers have pledged support of the 21st Annual Detroit International Wine Auction, which funds student scholarships and community outreach programs at the College for Creative Studies (CCS).

Event sponsor General Motors, Lear Corporation, Michelin, Soave Enterprises, Campbell Ewald, Clark Hill

PLC, Dow Automotive, Ghafari and Hour Detroit magazine will join Larry Maguire, president and CEO of Far Niente Winery, Oakville, Calif., and the Honorary Chair of this year's Detroit International Wine Auction to be held on Saturday, October 19.

Also in attendance will be auction chairs Sandra and Jim Vandenberghe, vice chairman of Lear Corporation, and this

year's auctioneer, Fritz Hatten of Zachys, a leading American wine retailer, and former chief operating officer of Christie's.

The Detroit International Wine Auction takes place over two days and includes four events. The festivities commence with the intimate Wine-maker Dinner on Friday, October 18, at Tribute Restaurant in Farmington Hills. The gala takes place on Saturday with the Honorary Chair's Wine Reception, the Wine Auction and the Afterglow, all at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center.

"The Detroit International Wine Auction is one of the most important auctions to Far Niente and I'm delighted to be serving as this year's honorary chair," said Larry Maguire, president and CEO of Far Niente.

"Detroit is one of our top

markets so the opportunity to give back to the area through the College is a pleasure for us. Wine and art have been driving cultural forces for thousands of years so we are well matched."

In addition to the rare and outstanding wine, the Detroit International Wine Auction also offers patrons the opportunity to bid on exotic travel packages, jewelry and original art.

For more information about the Detroit International Wine Auction, please call 313-664-7464.

A private, fully accredited, four-year college, CCS offers Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in animation and digital media, communication design, crafts, fine arts, illustration, industrial design, interior design, and photography. CCS is located in Detroit's Cultural Center.

## Red, white and blue circle



Patriotic spirit: Ellen Abdou, center, was honored at last Tuesday's Cafe on the Porch for her patriotic attire. Judges for the special 4th of July contest were Laura and David Judge.

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## Keyboardist brings jazzy style to 'Stars' concert series

Paul Ventimiglia, gifted composer, arranger, conductor and keyboardist will bring his own special flair for soft jazz, rock and pop to the Heritage Park free summer concert series "Stars in the Park" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11. The park is located at 24915 Farmington Road, just south of Eleven Mile Road. The concerts are presented by the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department.

Ventimiglia has worked with a dizzying array of projects from soundtracks for film and television (Disney, New World Pictures, HBO, and NBC) to commercials (Jeep, IBM, ABC, Mattel, and others). As a keyboardist, he has worked with such artists as Frank Sinatra, Jose Feliciano, Frankie Valle and the Four Seasons, and Shirley Maclaine.

After years of composing, Il Bacio was Ventimiglia's long awaited debut as a solo performer. Il Bacio included powerful guest performances by some of

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the genre's top artists, including Peter White, Brandon Fields, and Gerald Albright. Ventimiglia's second CD, Kiss at a Red Light, features his song *Lie to Me*, the winner of the Billboard 1999 Songwriter Contest/Jazz Category. It also features vocalists Phillip Ingram, Luther Vandross, Kevin Owens, Arnold McCueller and the Ridgeway Singers.

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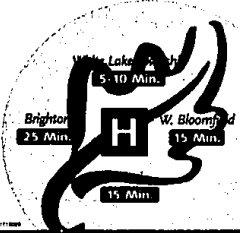
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## Carrier of the month



Annie Wardle of Farmington Hills has been named Farmington Observer's Carrier of the Month for June. Soon to be a sophomore at Farmington High School, Wardle's favorite subject is English. In her spare time, she is a cheerleader and enjoys shopping. Having an Observer route allows Wardle to earn extra money, communicate with people and get some exercise.

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