

Art in the Park shows set

A female pedal steel guitarist and a mime troupe head a diverse group of performers scheduled to entertain at Friends of Common Ground's third annual Art in the Park Sept. 17-18 in Birmingham's Shain Park.

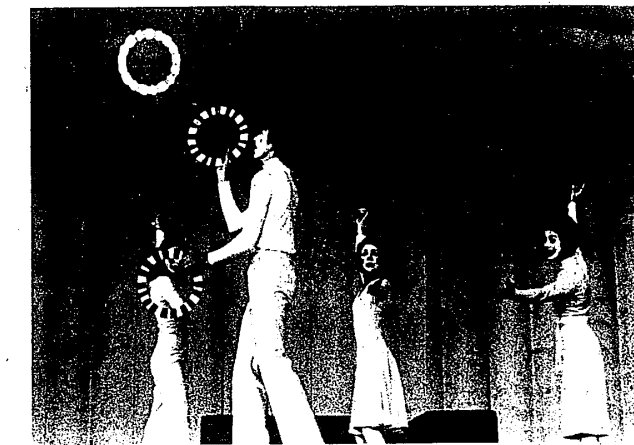
The Ross/Southern Band, a Detroit-based country rock group featuring Franklin's Elise Forrest on pedal steel, makes its debut at 4 p.m. Sept. 17. The band emphasizes instrumentation in the works of contemporary folk-rock groups such as Poco, the Eagles and Marshall Tucker Band as well as more-traditional works of Charlie Daniels and Willie Nelson.

Making its third appearance at Art in the Park, the Mime Ensemble, Rochester, begins the entertainment at noon Sept. 17. Based at Oakland University, the troupe tours Michigan through a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Artrain. The mime ensemble also will appear between 3 and 4 p.m. Sunday.

Pontiac folk artist Gail Smith will be one of the most versatile of all the performers. Proficient on guitar, harmonica and violin, the 29-year-old musician has played in coffee houses, night spots and fairs throughout Michigan.

Pontiac residents know her for numerous benefit concerts as well as her interpretation of the works of Neil Young, Joni Mitchell and Neil Diamond. Gails starts off the Sept. 18 entertainment at noon.

JOE DABBS is a Detroit folk singer who has played at the Raven Gallery in Southfield and the Arc in Ann Arbor as well as other metro-area coffee houses. Dabbs, an artist as well as musician, is making his second appearance at Art in the Park between 1 and 2 p.m. Saturday.



The Mime Ensemble from Oakland University will perform at Art in the Park.

Kasey Clark and Whiskey River have played country-western music all over the Detroit area and perform for the first time at Art in the Park. They play at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Also appearing will be localist and guitarist Janet Krist, known for her work at the Midtown Cafe in Birmingham and the Union Street Bistro in Detroit.

Currently featured at the Midtown Cafe, veteran performer Eddie Kay needs no introduction to Detroit cabaret crowds but has donated his services for the event. He will appear between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Birmingham musicians Bill Olsen and Ken Schettling play their country-bluegrass work at Art in the Park at 4:30-5:30 p.m. Sept. 18. Each musician and entertainer has donated his time to Art in the Park. Performers are being coordinated by Debbie Soltar, from Friends of Common Ground.

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Travel weekend features Fallingwater

One of Frank Lloyd Wright's most famous architectural accomplishments, Fallingwater, the Pennsylvania house built for Edgar Kaufman in the 1930s, is the focus of a low-cost, "dream" trip scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 16-18, available to the public and members of the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio Foundation of Oak Park.

Fallingwater is a residence that architecture author-critic Peter Blake has called "the ultimate poetic statement in architecture."

Wright had built the house on a rocky ledge resting on a natural waterfall, which pours endlessly beneath the home's fireplace. In this peaceful setting, one hears the water falling day and night.

Some of the features of the weekend trip include tours of Fallingwater during the day and the evening and a rare appearance and lecture by Edgar Kaufman Jr., heir of the original owner and a former student of Wright's.

He is now a Columbia University adjunct professor of architecture.

Also featured during the trip are a barbecue and cocktail party at the Fallingwater barn, a guided hike to the Fallingwater Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, a visit to another Wright-designed house in Pennsylvania, the J.N. Hagan home, and time for golf, tennis, swimming and dancing at the Mt. Summit Hotel.

THE PENNSYLVANIA trip includes air fare, lodging at the Mt. Summit Hotel and all meals per person, double occupancy. For information, contact the Oak Park Tour Center, 951 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, Ill. 60302. The phone number there is (312) 848-1978.

The Hagan home was built in 1954 and constructed to fitwater red cypress and field stone. Part of the uniqueness of the house is its hexagonal design and absence of right angles.

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