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the car. Pardo of Grosse Pointe Park expresses motion, whether with a collag-like painting that repeats an image, or with a scene of a pit stop in which outlines are blurred rather than sharp. In works by Counts of Davisburg, a while can act as a canwa within a canvas, carrying fascinating re-

Playing the classics

Playing the classics In his art, Griffit may place images from works by such masters as daVinci, Van Gogh, Monet, Magritte and Renois with toys or classic care in settings that are unrealistic. He works "second-hand" from photographs.

Classic pose: In one of Joshua Griffit's dreamlike paintings in a show at the Somerset Collection in Troy, a Cadillac and a toy soldier share a watery setting. The work is among those by artists from around the world in the invitational exhibit, part of the Concours d'Elegance.

Soen in Griffit's art at the Somerset abow, a DeSoto is paired with angels by Raphael, a Cacillace with a coy. Cars seem to be floating on water and what is in front of a shiny surface last reflected in it. Another work on display, "At Twilght," features an auto by a pool and a mansion; it's more realistic but in a followood ending sort of way.
"I am a serious artist," Griffit said in an interview last week at the Bloomfield Township home of Sander and Bea Breiner, where he was staying.

"You can say serious things in different ways."
When Griffit borrows from classic paintings, he identifies the original artist in some way. For example, a license plate may read RENOIR.

"When I quote someone I always say so . . . I'm an honest thief."

thief."

In places such as these, Griffit is making a statement about the way cars are treated.
"I feel we treat cars more than a means of transportation. We are idealizing cars."

Eyecatching Griffit likes to paint classic cars

"I'm a painter. Painting cars. was only part of what I'm doing. ': "I like toys and cars for me are

toys.

One of his paintings not in the commerce exhibit shows a pair of pilers over a Mercury. This came about when Griffit was using the tool to hold down a picture of the car as he photographed it. He liked how such features as the yellow and the metal in the vehicle, and the yellow handle and the rust in the pilers, picked one an other up.

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her up. Griffit doesn't want his art to

be boring.
"I want to be surprised when I-look at it."

look at it.

Griffit has exhibited in New York, Loe Angeles and Chicago. This is his first visit to this area. In Israel, he goes to his studio-as others would go to an office and works from 8 am. to 8 p.m.

"I have three children. I can work at home." Concours d'Elegance featurer classic cars and fashion as well as art among its variety of related events. For information, call (810): 370-3140.

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