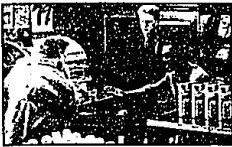


FRIDAY



Eddie Murphy (right) and Michael Rapaport (center) star in the action, comedy "Metro" opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Plains Indian moccasins are among the items featured at the second annual All-American Indian Art Show and Sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Cowboy Trader Gallery in the upper level of the Merrillwood Building (corner of Merrill and Woodward) Birmingham. Call (810) 643-8833 for information.

SUNDAY



The Guse Family performs harmonious vocals coupled with step dancing and fiddle music, 3 p.m. at Southfield-Lathrup High School Auditorium, 19301 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, (810) 424-9041.



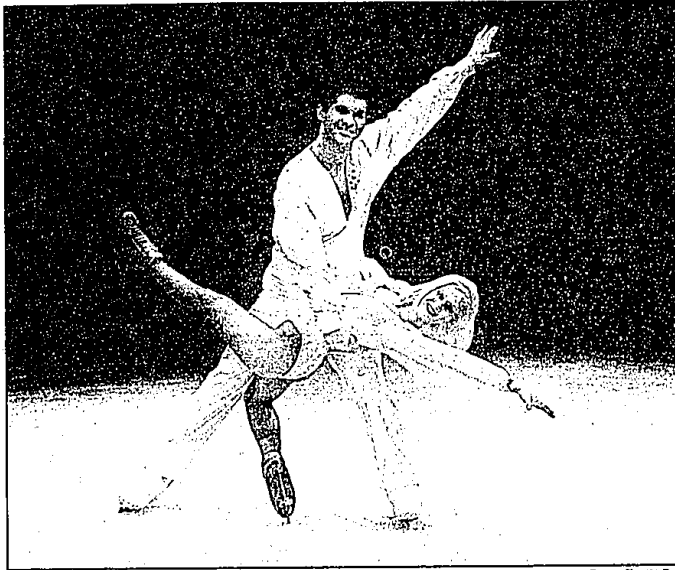
Hot Tire: Recognized as the oldest and largest ice carving festival in North America, the Plymouth Ice Spectacular in Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth, features ice carving competitions, laser light show, and gingerbread house display. For information call (313) 459-6969.

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DOCTOR HOWARD RAND

Talented pair: Jennifer Bayer and Jeb Rand are featured in a Western number, and "Stargate" in "The Magic of MGM," an Ice Capades Production coming to the Palace Jan. 18-19.

## EXTRAVAGANZA ON ICE BRINGS MOVIES TO LIFE

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Movies are magic, and so are dreams that come true. Ice Capades brings "The Magic of MGM" featuring performances by Olympic Gold Medalist Kerri Strug, and 30 of the world's finest skaters, including Jennifer Bayer of Farmington Hills, to the Palace of Auburn Hills Jan. 18-19.

"I love my sport and this is a great way to promote it," said Strug, who demonstrates her artistry and skill on the balance beam and with a floor exercise. "It's a variety show with ice skaters, gymnasts, and bungee jumpers. There's special lighting, music, and big screens—it's a pretty high-tech show."

Strug, who performed her last vault exercise on an injured ankle during the Olympic Games in Atlanta helping the U.S. team win their first gold medal in the team competition, is attending UCLA, and performing in the show on weekends in 10 major markets, including metro Detroit.

She said her ankle, which took a while to heal, because she tore some ligaments, is feeling much better. "I do a balance beam routine to the music of 'The Power of a Dream,' that relates to how I had a dream to go to the Olympics, and made it. The floor exercise is to the music 'Shout.' It's a fun thing."

"The Magic of MGM," celebrates "The Triumph of Sport," and such memorable films as "The Pink Panther," "Stargate," "West Side Story," and James Bond "Goldfinger." Giant video screens on the ice flash shots from memorable MGM movies, and characters such as the Pink Panther,

Leo the Lion and Leo's wife and cubs interact with the audience.

Bayer is living her dream, doing what she loves—skating, and performing with Jeb Rand, her partner on and off the ice.

"He's my boyfriend, and we have each other to sightsee with, and experience the different cities," said Bayer in a phone interview from St. Paul-Minneapolis. Before arriving in metro Detroit, the show will stop in Wisconsin and Muskegon. They've been on the road since the end of September.

"It's a way to see the world, travel, and do what we love," said Bayer who began skating with Rand in 1986 when World and Olympic Coach Johnny Johns paired them up at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Township.

Their combined achievements include being three time U.S. Regional Pair Champions and three time Sectional Pair Champions. They also competed on four occasions at the U.S. National Figure Skating Championships, and have been performing together professionally since 1990.

Look for them in the western number and "Stargate." "We do all our daring tricks in the western," said Bayer. "It's real acrobatic," added Rand. "I portray a bartender, and she's the saloon girl."

Jennifer's parents, Nancy and Don Bayer, have seen the show, but Nancy said Don closes his eyes sometimes during the "head-banger," when Job holds Jennifer by one foot, inches above the ice.

In "Stargate," Rand takes the James Spader part, and Bayer is the Villager from the other side of the universe. He falls in love with her and

stays, while his fellow officers return home.

When they're not traveling, home is Atlanta, Georgia. Bayer began skating at the Novi Ice Arena when she was 3, and Rand was 8 when he began skating at a rink built near his house in Georgia. Both took to ice like fish to water, and polished their skills by taking classes and working with various coaches. Jennifer wasn't quite five when she performed in her first ice show. Rand began pairs skating when he was 10.

For them, the opportunity to see that kid in the front row smiling, and enjoying their performance, makes up for the holidays spent away from home, and grueling schedules.

"The Magic of MGM," visits 64 cities during its 37 week tour ending in June. "It's being referred to as a rock and roll schedule," said Rand.

Jennifer was home for Thanksgiving because the show was playing in Battle Creek, but she spent Christmas away from her family in Montreal.

"Pleasing the audience is extremely thrilling," said Bayer. "It sounds corny, but you get emotional watching the audience watch you. Who knows that kid in the front row could become an Olympic skater."

Knowing they can and do make a difference in people's lives, Jennifer and Job make time to help skaters pursuing dreams of their own.

"Jennifer and I have gone back and taught skaters some professional moves at the Detroit Skating Club," said Rand.

"We love to go back," said Bayer. "It's important to enjoy what you're doing, and to set realistic goals."

### Ice Skating Spectaculars

■ "The Magic of MGM," an Ice Capades Production featuring Olympic Gold Medalist Kerri Strug, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18; 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19. Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$16.50, \$14.50 and \$10, at the box office, and all Ticketmaster centers. Rinkside seating is also available. To charge tickets, call (810) 645-6666. Children 12 and under, and senior citizens 60 and older, receive \$3 off the 7:30 p.m. Saturday show and both Sunday performances. All reserved seats for the 3:30 p.m. Saturday show are \$7. Reserved tickets for the 7:30 p.m. Saturday show are \$18, \$10 and \$11.50 with \$1.50 from each ticket price donated to the Children's Miracle Network.

■ Discover Stars on Ice 1996-97 tour, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, Palace of Auburn Hills. The Palace is one stop on the 60-city tour of Olympic and World Champion figure skaters including Kristi Yamaguchi, Scott Hamilton, Jayne Torvill & Christopher Dean. Tickets \$40 and \$29.50 available at the Palace box office, or Ticketmaster (810) 645-6666. Use your Discover Card and \$2 per ticket will be donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan.

■ "Walt Disney's World On Ice — Toy Story," March 4-9, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. Ice extravaganza from producer Kenneth Feld, choreographed by Olympic Gold Medalist Robin Cousins. Cast includes Eddie Gornick as Woody, and Stanislav Jirov as Buzz Lightyear. Tickets \$11.50, \$14.50 and \$17.50, available at the Joe Louis Arena and Fox Theatre box offices, and all Ticketmaster centers. Rinkside tickets also available. Kids under 12 save \$2 on select performances. To charge tickets, call (810) 645-6666.

### EXHIBITION

Edee Joppich:  
Watercolorist and Collage

What: Nationally recognized watercolorist Edee Joppich in her 26th one woman show of artworks. Presented by the Livonia Arts Commission, the exhibit communicates experiences unique to the human condition. The public is invited to an opening reception to meet the artist 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26.

When: Jan. 26 to Feb. 22. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Where: Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile east of Farmington.

## Watercolorist works to provoke thought

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Nationally known artist Edee Joppich does a lot of her serious painting between Memorial Day and mid-October. That's when the Farmington Hills watercolorist tends Joppich's Bay Street Gallery in Northport. Unlike her spacious 1,700-square-foot studio at the old winery in downtown Farmington, she works in a space housed in a pole barn near the gallery, which is celebrating its 17th year on the Leelanau Peninsula.

"Summer's Child" was created there. Published in "The Artistic Touch 2" by Chris Unwin, the painting is one of 30 works in Joppich's 26th one woman show running Jan. 26 through Feb. 22 in the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery.

Presented by the Livonia Arts Commission, the exhibit communicates experiences unique to the human experience. In a compelling portrait on the deck behind the gallery, Joppich depicts a troubled mother and inquisitive child against a backdrop of dark-skies descended on Lake Leelanau. The moody transparent watercolor from her "Lifestyles" series

relays a sea of turbulent emotions and feelings of uncertainty due to the blond-headed woman's pending divorce. Seated in a bentwood rocker, she ponders the future. Her son looks less intense and more open to changes certain to arrive in upcoming days.

"My real love is the figure and situations, paintings of happenings that either have happened or will, so the viewer has to come up with their own interpretations," said Joppich.

"It's important a painting say something. It needs to speak to the viewer."

Joppich avoids painting landscapes except as an environment relating to the figure. In fact, the majority of work was painted on location as a result of travel.

"I'm enriched as an artist by changing locations. On a trip I look for ideas because I'm relaxed and receptive and looking in a heightened kind of way. After I've gotten the idea, I'm painting visually and mentally," said Joppich.



Lifestyles: Drama plays in this watercolor of a young woman in a cluttered Northern Michigan antique shop. The work, a part of a one woman show of paintings and collage by Farmington Hills artist Edee Joppich at the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, superimposes a model from one of Joppich's classes into this somewhat curious setting.

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