

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 29
 ■ 6:30-11 p.m. "Starry Night" Gala Preview

SUNDAY, APRIL 30
 ■ 2-6 p.m. Festival Exhibits Open
 ■ 1:30 p.m. Musicales Scholarship Winners, Ben Ryberg, vocalist, Sarah Morrison, vocalist
 ■ 2 p.m. Arts Commission, Artist in Residence Award, Service in the Arts Award, High School Student Awards, Farmington Artist Club Awards
 ■ 3:30 Yakov Khariton, violinist, Elaine Vermiglio

MONDAY, MAY 1
 ■ 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Festival Exhibits Open
 ■ 12 p.m. Julie Sciciliano, pianist
 ■ 12:30 Ridgewriters - Poetry & Story Reading
 ■ 6:30 p.m. Elaine Vermiglio, pianist
 ■ 7 p.m. Library Student Writing Awards Program

TUESDAY, MAY 2
 ■ 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Festival Exhibits Open
 ■ 10 a.m. Embroiderers Guild "Make and Take"
 ■ 10 a.m. Farmington Artist Club demonstrations
 ■ 10 a.m. Hill & Dale Garden Club "Make and Take"
 ■ 10:30 a.m. Dunckel Middle School "Wildcat" Fiddlers
 ■ 11 a.m. Harrison High School Club Jazz Ensemble

■ 11:30 a.m. Flanders Lunch Percussion Ensemble
 ■ 12 p.m. Farmington High School Jazz Band
 ■ 1 p.m. Eagle Elementary Choir
 ■ 7 p.m. Farmington Community Band Clarinet Choir

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3
 ■ 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Festival Exhibits Open
 ■ 11:30 a.m. "Special Services Day"
 ■ 11:30 a.m. Marjorie VanHoy, pianist
 ■ 6:30 p.m. Ellen Kendall, pianist
 ■ 7 p.m. Library "Battle of the Books" Final Round

THURSDAY, MAY 4
 ■ 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Festival Exhibits Open
 ■ 10 a.m. Embroiderers Guild "Make and Take"
 ■ 10 a.m. Farmington Artist Club demonstrations
 ■ 10 a.m. Hill & Dale Garden Club "Make and Take"
 ■ 10:30 a.m. Power Middle School Cadet Orchestra
 ■ 11 a.m. East Middle School Choir
 ■ 11:30 a.m. East Middle School Jazz Band
 ■ 12 p.m. Wood Creek Elementary Off Ensemble
 ■ 12:30 p.m. North Farmington High School Jazz Band
 ■ 1 p.m. Dunckel Middle School Choir
 ■ 7 p.m. Farmington Community Band Flute Ensemble

FRIDAY, MAY 5
 ■ 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Festival Exhibits Open "Senior Celebrate the Arts' Day"
 ■ 10 a.m. Hammell Music Programs
 ■ 11 a.m. Embroiderers Guild Demonstrations
 ■ 11 a.m. Farmington Artist Club Demonstrations
 ■ 12 p.m. Senior Lunch
 ■ 1:30 p.m. Senior Dance with Harrison High School Jazz/Dance Band
 ■ 3 p.m. Farmington Community Chorus at Farmington High School
 ■ 8 p.m. Farmington Players "Kiss Me Kate" at Players Barn

SATURDAY, MAY 6
 ■ 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Festival Exhibits Open
 ■ 1 p.m. Special Library Program "Crafts for all ages" Janis Shild
 ■ 3 p.m. Detroit Ballet Performance
 ■ 8 p.m. Farmington Community Chorus at Farmington High School
 ■ 8 p.m. Farmington Players "Kiss Me Kate" at Players Barn

SUNDAY, MAY 7
 ■ 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Festival Exhibits Open
 ■ 3 p.m. Farmington Community Band "Good Old Days"

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including the Farmington Artists Club, Ridgewriters, the Farmington Players and the Community Chorus. Coumoundorous said there's nothing like a community event to encourage networking and collaboration among arts organizations, making them all just that much stronger.



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THROUGH MAY 7

"People have been talking to me about the Festival of the Arts since I came on board and telling me what a wonderful organization it is," Coumoundorous said. "It was mentioned quite often in our (cultural arts) community survey."

Organizers hope a little extra promotion boosts attendance even more this year.

A banner has been stretched across Grand River Boulevard, with the permission of the Farmington City Council, and signs are posted throughout Farmington and the Hills promoting the event.

"So often, community groups such as the Arts Council struggle, but in Farmington and

Planning: Nancy Coumoundorous, Robb Clarkson, Sara Woollard, Paul Barber, Pam Schultes, Cheryl True, Marvel Steiger and Ellen Kendall spent months planning for the upcoming Festival of the Arts.

Farmington Hills, the cooperation has been wonderful... This shows the pride this community has in the talent of its local artists," Coumoundorous said.

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