ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

SUMMER CLASSES

Village Music is registering children from birth to 8-years-old for Kindermusik summer and fall classes. Summer classes begin July 10. Village Music offers lessons in voice, piano, dulcimer, and percussion, at its studio, 130 Liberty, in Plymouth's Old Village.

For more information, call (734) 354-9825.

ARTS CAMPS

D & M Studios is offering week-long summer camps in three locations through Aug. 25.

D & M, in cooperation with the Canton and Plymouth parks and recreation departments, presents *Knights of the Roundtable: Medieval Madness* for children, ranging in age from pre-school to teens.

For more information, call (734) 453-3710.

Projects include painting shields, castles, masks and a mural while dreaming of knights on white horses and damsels in distress. At the end of the camps, students can show off what they created during a children's art show.

OPENING RECEPTION

Meet Canton artist Kay Rowe during a reception to open an exhibit of her work 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 9 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Rowe's paintings will be exhibited in the second floor fine arts gallery Wednesday, July 5 through Saturday, July 29.

WEDNESDAYS AT EIGHT

Nardin Park Methodist Church continues its *Wednesdays at Eight* summer music series with mezzo soprano Susan Anderson June 28 at the church 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, west of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information on the free concerts, call (248) 476-8860.

All concerts begin at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug. 23.

Here's a guide to what's going on:

- Steve Kosinski, baritone – July 5
- Paul Beck, baritone, Melvin Rookus, piano/organ – July 12
- Brad Lowe's Fantasy E-Fex Puppets – July 19
- Barbershop sounds of Gentlemen Songsters Chorus – July 26
- Pianists Joanne Kramer, Aliki Zachary, Ruth Weingarten, Franziska Schoenfeld – Aug. 2
- An evening of gospel music – Aug. 9
- Kevin Fagen, violinist – Aug. 16
- David Troiano, lyric tenor – Aug. 23

FINAL DAYS

Due to construction on Six Mile, *Spiritual Journey*, an exhibit of art by Native Americans, has been extended through Friday, June 30 at Woodland Indians Trading Post and Indian World, 26161 W. Six Mile Road, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Redford.

Local artists include Plymouth potter Patricia Gardner and West Bloomfield painter Nora Mendoza.

Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, until 8 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (313) 535-9728.

FOCAL POINT WORKSHOP

An intensive week of hands-on video study will take place July 10-14 in Royal Oak Dondero High School. This Focal Point course offers adults and mature high school students the opportunity to work with video from conception to finished product in one week. Students can explore live action production, simple animation, single camera operation, special effects and editing. Apple Macintosh computers are available for script writing and storyboarding. Professionals guest artists will also demonstrate.

Tuition is $565. To register or for more information, call (248) 547-0847.

Staff includes John Prusak, a national award-winning cinematographer known for his work in *Roger and Me*. Prusak is the media instructor at William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland. He also teaches video and animation at Wayne State University and conducts workshops for students and teachers throughout the midwest. Staff member Dick Rockwell is station manager for WOAK and video instructor for Royal Oak Schools. An award winning producer and scriptwriter, Rockwell has worked in video production for more than 20 years.

DANCE CAMPS

Michigan Dance Express holds its summer camp for ages 8-16 Sunday-Thursday, July 23-27 at Camp Copneconic in Fenton.

Dancers will study a variety of dance subjects including ballet, tap, jazz, swing and more. Traditional activities such as campfires, hiking, swimming, and games round out the day's activities. The camp ends with a "Dance Spectacular" showcase.

To register or for more information, call (734) 397-9755 or (313) 562-1203.

JAZZ PERFORMANCE

Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe in St. Clair Shores announces the appearance of renowned pianist and vocalist Russ Allgaier, who performs jazz standards and contemporary music, every Friday and Saturday night.

Music begins at 9 p.m. and lasts until 12:30 a.m. There is no cover charge.

Fishbone's is located at 23722 Jefferson at Nine Mile Road on the Nautical Mile. Fishbone's features Cajun and Creole food, including authentic New Orleans cuisine, and is open seven nights a week.

Call (810) 498-3000 for information.

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Native art: *Nora Mendoza painted this work, titled "Michigan Indians."*

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10 John Berry/Suzy Bogguss/Billy Dean
12 Rick Springfield
13 Peter, Paul & Mary 40th Anniversary
19 Alison Krauss & Union Station
24 Wimzie's House w/Linda Arnold 2 Shows • 11am & 7pm
25-26 Trinity Irish Dance Company
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SEPTEMBER
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Directed by Andrei Serban/Movement, Costumes, Masks and Puppetry by Julie Taymor
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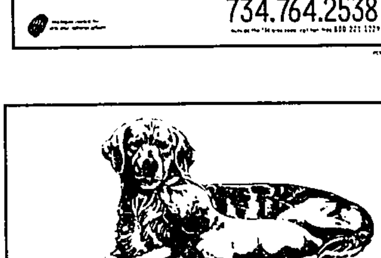

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