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"We have artists from Arizona, Arkansas, Minnesota, a native of Venezuela who does sculpture, tile art, and something different for kids, Sandy Candy by Carrio Waterstone of Farmington Hills. It's sugar art that's like sand art," said Joyce Murphy, co-chair of the show with Sharon Dillenbeck. "But we'll also have sand art and ceramic pieces for children, and hand-made Teddy bears by Linda March of Plymouth."

But birdhouses, watercolors of

old Detroit scenes by Jim Williams of Highland and Paul Adams of Brighton, and antique Michigan photographs by Paul Gilbert of Dearborn aren't the only attractions at Heritage Park during Liberty Fest week. Visitors will have fun watching demonstrations by the Canton Police Department's K-9 Unit, rocking to the sounds of MB2, a brother singing duo from Birmingham, and marveling at the fireworks display.

"What sets it apart from other fairs is it's manageable, in a smaller setting," said Murphy. "It's a very family-oriented event with music, a car show, something for everybody for either participating or viewing."

### Celebrating diversity

Canton Project Arts is hoping visitors make a special effort to visit its cultural and ethnic festival celebrating the diversity of township residents. The idea for "Canton Celebrates its People"

came about when members of the township's official arts organization were sitting in their informational booth at last year's Fine Art & Fine Craft Show.

"We thought it would bring another dimension to the rest of the Fest," said Dick Dionne, chairman of Canton Project Arts. "The demographics of the community has changed. It's important for people to be aware of culture of other people. We're hoping a person new to this

country might visit a display of another country. It's educational in part as well as entertaining."

In addition to featuring costumes, hand-crafts, sculpture, art, and informational materials from China, Ecuador, India, Japan, Scotland, and Spain as well as Muslim culture, "Canton Celebrates its People" with a look at dance forms from India and the Middle East, and an African American group of drummers and dancers, noon to 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 23 in the amphitheater in Heritage Park.

### Events

Canton Project Arts hosts a variety of events throughout the year including its Canton Fine Arts Competition and Exhibition (Oct. 6-12) at Summit on the Park. Upcoming concerts include chamber music played by an ensemble from the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5 in Heritage Park.

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Pam Carroll likes X every bit as much as Scyllian but struggled at first to find a way to portray its meaning. *A is for America: An American Alphabet* was the first book the Californian artist ever illustrated.

"I spent a lot of hours at the local children's library before doing thumbnail sketches," said Carroll. "A few were very hard like X because I was trying to show all of the booth and polling place. Once I narrowed it down to just the hand marking an X, it was easy."

Carroll spent four months capturing the patriotic scenes in acrylic. She usually works in oil creating realistic paintings to sell in galleries in Carmel and Pacific Grove.

"They sent me the text and I read it and read it," said Carroll who's currently working on paintings for *Sleeping Bear's G is for the Golden State*. "I didn't go alphabetically just with what would come to me. I did a lot of research for A because I felt having a Navajo girl holding the flag in her costume says it all."

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Chris Guy thinks many of her customers feel a tinge of warmth when thumbing through *A is for America* in the Little Book Shoppe on the Park in Plymouth. While she's had several purchases the book because they liked Scyllian's *Firebreather*, others appreciate the patriotic theme. She hopes many of them return

for a signing with Scyllian on Wednesday, June 20.

"It's an educational book for any age from 4 to 80. It's for everyone," said Guy who especially likes the letter F which "is for fireworks that fly on the Fourth of July." "It's a great gift, a history book, a book to be proud of."

Scyllian hopes readers not only like the book but a companion CD as well when it's released in early July. *A is for America* is a departure from the country music Scyllian usually records.

"I left out so many ideas when I was writing the book so when I was done I started writing kids songs about America," said Scyllian who has four children ages 5 to 12. "What's a Viking to Do is about Vikings sitting around grousing about Christopher Columbus getting all the credit for discovering America. I wanted it to appeal to all of us musically. So many parents out there are listening to children's albums and they're about ready to snap them in half."

into a productive and satisfying listening experience," said McHard in the book. He provides a discography at the back of the book for those willing to give it a try.

"I wanted to provide a means by which we'll understand mod-

ern music in a new light," said McHard. "Modern is an attitude. It addresses sound to work rather than as a method so music can be an avenue to discovery."

The *Future of Modern Music* is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

and [www.American-book.com](http://www.American-book.com).

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## Expressions from page C1

# Mid-July Ann Arbor art fairs updating for 2001

(PRNewswire) - During the last 42 years the Ann Arbor Art Fairs have become a cultural institution.

People have come to expect exceptional artwork, eclectic street performers and innovative children's art activities from the fairs. While continuing to hold true to what people treasure about the event, all three Fairs that make up the Ann Arbor Art

Fairs are updating in order to make this beloved tradition better than ever.

New layouts at the Fairs, a new parking structure in the South University Area and the fact that no major road construction will be going on will ensure that people will be spending less time traveling and more time shopping at the Fairs.

Come see for yourself from Wednesday, July 18 to Saturday, the 21st when the Fairs will once again turn the streets of Ann Arbor into a living, moving, vibrant art installation.

### Dramatic changes

The largest of the three Fairs, the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, will also have the most dramatic changes. The Guild of Michigan Artists & Artisans have revamped the look and layout of their Fair. The artist booths will be grouped together differently, making it easier for attendees to see the work and interact with the artists.

Although there will be changes, many things will remain the same. Many favorite artists and street performers will be returning and will be easily found using Artist Locator Maps from the Guild's two information booths. In addition, Nationwide Insurance, a major sponsor of the Fairs, will distribute schedules for artist demonstrations from their booths in the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair and in the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair.

All are encouraged to stop by either one of these booths to register for the chance to win art

from participating artists.

Art Fair attendees can also look forward to seeing some changes in the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, the oldest of the three fairs that make up the Ann Arbor Art Fairs. It, too, will be getting a new layout in order to provide better access to the sidewalks in front of merchants and better access to artists. In addition, the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair will expand its offerings for children, with performances by musicians, jugglers and more near the Artful Kid Zone.

For the adults, sponsors Born Shoes and United Airlines are partnering to offer a chance to win a trip to see some of the most famous art in the world at the Louvre in Paris. People can follow the footprints on the street to register to win and to find other attractions at the Fair.

The State Street Art Fair will also be changing, most notably with the addition of a new children's activity area called the A Squared Kid's Mural. Thanks to sponsors Farmer Jack and Edy's, anyone can help paint the mural for free. In keeping with the State Street Art Fair's commitment to community service, all are encouraged to visit the Pfizer health-screening vehicle for free blood pressure and cholesterol tests and consultations with doctors.

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