

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open April 12
HUMAN NATURE
From the makers of Being John Malkovich, this story follows the ups and downs of an obsessive scientist...

THE SWEETEST THING
In what has been described as a bowdy comedy, a seazy club-hopper (Cameron Diaz) finds that she must educate herself on the correct etiquette...

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STAFF WRITER

Whether it's just a hobby or a lifelong career, local filmmakers are spanning the spectrum...



Kennedy era: Robert Dyke, and Mary Petryshyn (left) of West Bloomfield...

two private screenings for the crew, investors and more than 200 cast members on Saturday...

Just a hobby

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Independent intrigue

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brightening up the church with 30 floral arrangements, an art in itself, just in time for the arrival of the artists for a reception on Friday evening.

Tom Woodruff's art seminar engages students of all ages in drawing and writing projects that explore the history and natural resources of the Great Lakes.

The Lanigan Elementary School Choir provides 45-minutes of joyful music next at 11 a.m.; then it's time for lunch. Proceeds will help the youth choir pay for a spring tour in northern Michigan.

After lunch, the Eagle Elementary School Choir entertains. On Sunday, potter Gary Wilson talks about Christian art. An art professor at Monroe Community College, Wilson has displayed his religious theme vessels at The Art Studio/Gallery in Garden City.

"Saturday evening we're thrilled to have the Michigan State University Men's Glee Club, and on Sunday the Jive at Five jazz ensemble from Western Michigan. They're a 7-piece swing band. One of our goals on this weekend is to bring new musical groups to the community but we also have student concerts. We started the programs as an opportunity for Farmington Schools. Each year we feature different schools."

Nardin Park's community spirit is what Bookas counts on every year to make the weekend a success. One hundred church volunteers help artists set up, tear down and in between lead tours of the church's permanent collection of art which includes a relief by Redford sculptor Sergio De Giusti and vessels by Gary Wilson.

"We're still looking for volunteers," said Brenda Bjorklund who is finalizing the details after former chairperson Marsha Miller spent the last 10 months organizing the art exhibition. "The festival is really special because it touches on art, music and literature. There's a variety



All that jazz: Jive at Five performs as part of an arts weekend at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

of exhibiting artists, mediums and styles.

West Bloomfield watercolorist Kathy Phillips brings the latest works from her Leisure Time series. Downhill skiing, ice fishing, golfing, street scenes, a day at the museum — Phillips captures them all, usually with a sense of humor.

"I call the museum and apple orchard people my character pieces. The little old lady character at the museum is me 20 years from now," said Phillips who's been painting 27 years and showing at such festivals as Art on the Green in Franklin, Arts, Beats & Eats, Pontiac, and the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair for 15 years.

"I'm inspired by the seasons. My people are stylized but the background is realistic. People really like it."

Looking for watercolor florals or landscapes? Susanna Lawrence is known for creating tulips in what she refers to as her Georgin O'Keefe style. The Waterford resident began painting 25 years ago.

Since 1987 she's worked as a designer at Ash Showroom in Bloomfield Hills.

"The style is very realistic," said Lawrence who exhibits in 14 shows a year including Art Under the Sun in Northville. "Most people think they're acrylic or oil because they're so vibrant."

Observer & Eccentric Guide to the Movies. A large grid listing movie showtimes and theaters across various locations like National Amusements, Showcase Cinemas, and Star Theaters.

AMC Theaters advertisement for the movie 'The Matrix Reloaded'. Includes showtimes, prices, and theater location.

Advertisement for 'Jive at Five' jazz ensemble performing at Nardin Park. Includes details about the event, ticket prices, and contact information.