

Hot tickets

Gospel music
The Winans, Detroit's "first family" of gospel music, will deliver a hand-clapping concert of traditional and contemporary praise and worship music at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 20, at The Fox Theatre, in downtown Detroit. The show features CeCe Winans, with modern-day praise songs; Mom and Pop Winans, with traditional gospel sounds; Danie Winans, with an urban adult slant to gospel music; Angie & Debbie, with a pop edge; and Winans Phase 2, with an urban/hip hop flavor. Tickets are \$37, \$52 and \$67, available through Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, Hockeytown Authentics in Troy, and all ticketmaster locations. Call (248) 645-6666 to order by phone.

What's up, Doc?
Bugs Bunny on Broadway combines live orchestra music and classic Warner Brothers cartoons at 8 p.m. Sunday, July 21, at OTE Energy Music Theatre, in Clarkston. The show opened at San Diego's Civic Theatre in 1990 to rave reviews, before moving to Broadway's Gerstwin Theatre for an extended run that same year. George Daugherty conducts the live orchestra, which supplies such tunes as *The Rabbit of Seville*, *Long-haired Hare* and *A Corney Concerto*, to cartoons projected on a big screen. The show also stars such legendary Warner Brothers animated characters as Wile E. Coyote, Road Runner, Elmer Fudd, Daffy Duck, Porky Pig, Giovanni Jones, Granny and Michigan J. Frog. Tickets are \$30 and \$20 pavilion and \$15 lawn, available through Palacenet.com, The Palace and OTE Energy Music Theatre box offices and all ticketmaster centers. Or by phone at (248) 645-6666.

Opposites attract
Randell and Patricia Reed, Scarab Club artists, present an installation of paintings, digital imagery and poetry in the Scarab Club lounge through Sept. 1. An opening reception is planned for 7-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1. Randell takes a whimsical and comical approach to his painting style, inspired by modernist and magic realist painters from the 1930s-50s. Patricia, Scarab Club president, creates a

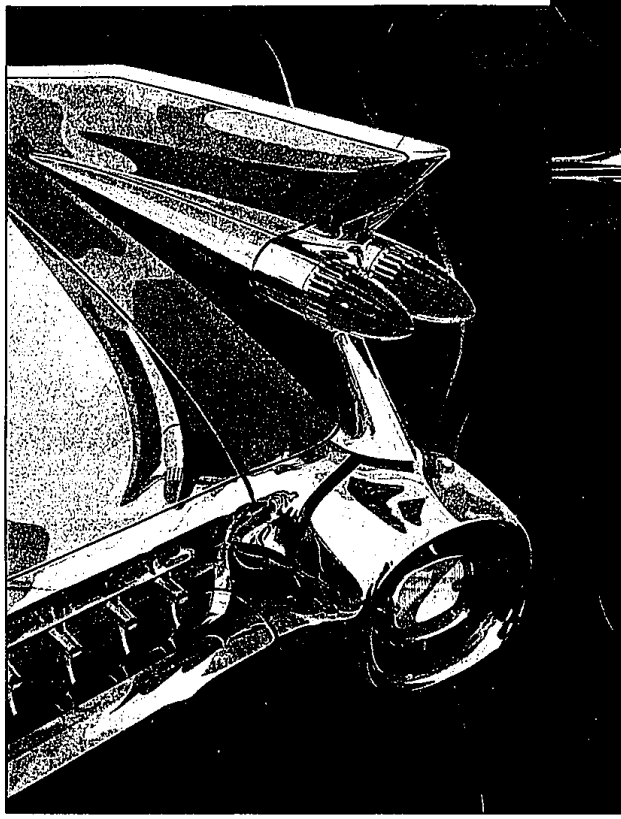
quinty view of urban and environmental scenes using digital manipulation.
Gallery hours are 3-5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and noon-5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. The club is located at 217 Farnsworth at the corner of John R in Detroit. Public parking for a fee is available on the north side of the building. Admission is free. For more information call (313) 833-2550.

Arts & Entertainment

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Art of the automobile

Concours d'Elegance draws a second look



Tom Hale filled this painting of a 1941 Cadillac hood ornament "Goddess."

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Bill Mihalik is all revved up about the classic cars, paintings and sculptures on exhibit Sunday, Aug. 4 at the 24th annual Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance in Rochester Hills.

The three go hand in hand according to Mihalik, who's chairman of the art committee. If spectators want to truly appreciate the beauty of automotive design, they need to view the more than 100-art works inspired by the 235 vintage automobiles on display — then take a long look at the cars which this year celebrate the 100th anniversary of Cadillac and Pierce-Arrow, and the 50th of the sleek, racy Corvette.

"Art is an integral part of Concours where you look at the car in person and then at the paintings," said Mihalik, a Rochester resident who owns a Porsche 911S from the early 1970s and a 1959 Alfa Romeo. "In Barry Rowe's painting of a 1916 Cadillac Dual-windshield Sport Phaeton you can see it was styled to be in an elegant setting and it dominates that setting."

"Until we see Tom Hale's painting of a 1959 Cadillac tail fin we don't realize the beauty of the tail fin. Alex Buchan's sculptures of vintage cars in a nice setting gives viewers the idea this was really a wild ride and what it was to drive these cars back in 1915."

Classic car lovers will have the opportunity to bid on 14 of the artworks at an auction Saturday, Aug. 3, and ensure the preservation of Meadow Brook Hall at the same. A portion of the proceeds will be used to maintain the 110-room mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, wife of automobile pioneer John Dodge, and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson. A series of events leads up to the classic car and art show. The 14 auction art works will be on display at the Somerset Collection in Troy until a preview reception Friday, Aug. 2, at Somerset North.

"The reception is a fantastic event," said Mihalik. "It's always elegant when you have artists and art of

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Tom Hale captures the beauty of the ultimate tail fin in this painting of a 1959 Cadillac.

MEADOW BROOK HALL CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE
What: 235 classic cars and more than 100 automotive art works on exhibit
When: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4
Where: On the grounds of Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University, Rochester Hills
Tickets: \$20, \$10 children ages 13-17, free for age 12 and under
Highlights: Art auction preview reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2 at Somerset North, Troy. Tickets: \$25. Gala evening and art auction Saturday, Aug. 3, begins at 6 p.m. with auction at 7 p.m. and dinner at 8 p.m. at Meadow Brook Hall. Tickets: \$100, \$75 for reception and auction only. Call (248) 370-3140 or visit the Web site at www.meadowbrookhall.org

PLEASE SEE AUTOMOBILE, B2

Bigger isn't always better

Two years ago Nancy Coumoundouros had a great idea to produce a small, walkable fine art fair as part of the Farmington Area Founders Festival. Having done the granddaddy of all street fairs every July in Ann Arbor, I could appreciate the fact my sister Gwen and I wouldn't be swept along with the crowds anxious to make their way to the booths of 1,000 artists showing their wares.



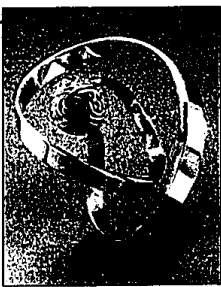
Artistic Expressions
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experience. This year Art on the Grand not only features paintings, weavings, jewelry, pottery, engravings, glass, photography, drawings, metal, and wood but entertainment sure to make you smile.

Presented by Farmington Hills Special Services Department, the excitement continues Thursday-Saturday, July 18-20. Wandering performers Groucho Marx (1-4 p.m. Friday) and Maurice the Art Critic (5-8 p.m. Friday and 3-6 p.m. Saturday) will have the crowds in stitches.

"It's going to be a fabulous little fair," said Coumoundouros, cultural arts coordinator for the cities of Farmington Hills and Farmington. "I'm really excited

PLEASE SEE ART ON THE GRAND, B2



Bill Keating created this sculpture. It is one of hundreds of works that will be on display in Art on the Grand.

ART ON THE GRAND

What: 55 fine artists exhibit their wares as part of the Farmington Area Founders Festival
When: Noon to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 18, and 9-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 19-20. For information, call (248) 473-1856
Where: Memorial Park on Grand River in Farmington. For information, call (248) 473-1857

Ballet Shoes or Wing Tips?

Makes no difference as long as you take time to put your feet up, get comfortable and spend some time with us.