## Art on the Grand features Marks returns as Longacre House director fine art, entertainment

Art on the Grand has rapidly become an established addition to the Farmington Area Founders Festival.

Nestled in the northwest end of the Festival in Memorial Park, the 'little gem of an art fair' is planned and supported by the Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division, in cooperation with the Founders Festival, happening July 17-19. The fair sports a lively, fun atmosphere where visitors can visit a wide variety of booths by artists from all over the country, exhibiting fine artwork including sculpture, paintings, fifter, jewelpy, photography and mixed media.

The Farmington Artist Club

mixed media.
The Farmington Artist Club also is an important partici-pant, and many of its member artists exhibit their work in the large tent staffed by the Club.

An interactive fair, Art on the Grand features a small stage area that features live performances by high-quality musicians and vocalists.

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Thursday, July 17, 11
a.m.-noon: Ghostlight
Productions, Shakespearean acting vignettes and another performance between 4-5 p.m.; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Jeremy Kittel, 2000 U.S. Fiddling

Champion.
Friday, July 18, 11
a.m.-noon; Ghostlight
Productions, Shakespearean
acting vignettes; 1:30-3 p.m.

Mark Moultrup Group, jazz.;
2-7 p.m., Balloon Man Dan &
Lovely the Clown; 3-6 p.m.,
Maurice the Art Critic, wandering entertainer; 4-6 p.m.,
Truth, smooth jazz; 7-9 p.m.,
Paul Ventimiglia & Friends,
Billboard Magazine's 1999 Jazz
Composer of the Year.
Saturday, July 19, 11
a.m.-noon: Ghostlight
Productions, Shakespearean
acting vignettes; 1-7 p.m.,
Balloon Man Dan & Lovely the
Clown; 1-4 p.m., Rodeo Joe,

Balloon Man Dan & Lovely the Clown; 1-4 p.m., Rodeo Joe, wandering entertainer; 1-2 p.m., Ghostlight Productions, Shakespearean acting vignettes; 3-5 p.m., Sheila Landis Trio, 2003 Juzz Venglitz Detroit Muria Vocalist, Detroit Music Awards; 5-8 p.m., Groucho Marx, wandering entertainer; 6:30-9 p.m., Dan Rafferty Band, classic oldies.

BY PAUL R. PACE STAFF WRITER

Former Longacre House executive director Ben Marks is back on board to run operations of the historic mansion. A conflict among the majority of the board of directors and Executive Director Denise Thuyea brought Marks to a recent board meeting. The board members agreed to have Marks lead the house while an effort is made to bring in new members. A goal is to eventually elect a new board of directors.

The come out of retirement, Marks said.

He said he met Wednesday evening to reach a resolution with Tawyea, who was dis-missed by the board June 5, and Neal Bostic, banquet and

catering director.

Also at the meeting was May
Arvo, chairwoman of the board
and local attorney Mark

Accettura.

Marls said Thursday that
Thavyea and Bostic agreed to
individual severance packages
and by Monday neither will be
employed by the nonprofit corporation.

poration.

Persis planned for the rest of the year will go on with new personnel, Marks said. The Farmington Hills resident was the mansion's executive director for nine years and left nearly two years ago to concentrate on taking extra care of his ill wife, who has since passed away. since passed away.

Ben Marks returns to the Longacre House.

fund-rausing evens a make sure classes and nonprofit (events) are 51 percent of the income, he said. Despite the recent uncertainty about who was running the Longacre, Marks, a 35-year community resident, said its much a

Twee and the before.

"I want to put this back to where people say this is a great house," he said.

Accettura, who said he would volunteer his expert opinion of the bylaws to help get the house back in shape, said making Marks director for now is a good move. for now is a good move.

"Ben has a good reputation in the community and he will

Marks said he's excited about returning; he plans to reinstate fund-raising events and classes.

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moil behind," the attorney said.

He added the publicity about the house's troubles have at least drawn attention to the problem of shrinking membership.

Marks said it should take less than two years to get the fund-raisers such as the fashion show and raffle and classes back at the Longacre.

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"We'll need to work on brochures and get the teachers back," he said. Marks said he will volunteer his time until the board decides his pay as executive director.

## Planning commission considers Chicken King

BY SUE DUCK STAFF WRITER

Plans for a Chicken King
Restaurant, billed by a partner
as "an exclusive enterer for the
Detroit Lions," will be discussed at a special meeting of
the Farmington Planning
Commission July 1.
The meeting starts at 6:30
p.m. in the City Council
Chambers of Farmington City
Hall, 29500 Liberty Street.
The restaurant is expected to
locate on a lot that has been
vacant at the southeast corner
of Grand River and Mayfield
for 10 years. The proposed
amendment to the site plan
would reduce the south side of would reduce the south side of the building by 20 feet and add five parking spaces, said Farmington City Manager

Vince Pastue.
Partner George Lawley, who has owned a Chicken King restaurant at Elizabeth Lake Road west of Cass Lake Road in Waterford, paid \$500 to have the special meeting. Typically, the planning commission meets the second Monday of the month. Lawley has an option which expires at the beginning of July, Pastue said.

The restaurant will have some seating and offer carry out services.

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Lawley says the Lions order
"the whole spread" at his
Waterford restaurant where he
serves broasted chicken, barbe-

cued ribs and seafood.

The restaurant would be built on the lot owned by Harry Kzirian who originally

planned to build a jewelry store or some office/retail use there but reconsidered when the Chicken King expressed interest, said John Konesul, Farmington building inspector. The area is properly soned, Lawley said. About nine of Lawley family members live in the Farmington area with their children attending both Harrison and North Farmington High Schools.

Harrison and North Farmington High Schools. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality & one time considered the area contaminsted with gasoline from a Precision Tune store. It has since been cleaned up and continues to be monitored, Koncsul said.



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