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ARTS AND LEISURE

ART

FISHERVILLE — Wire and wooden sculptures and mixed media works by 10 gifted and talented students in the kindergarten-10th grade summer art program are on display at the Augusta County Library children's department through August.

WEYERS CAVE — Watercolor paintings by Betty Fekovich of Harrisonburg are on display at Blue Ridge Community College in Showcases Gallery.

HARRISONBURG — A public showing of works created by 49 students enrolled in Super Summer '88 at Orkney Springs Resort begins Wednesday.

ALEXANDRIA — The Alexandria Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus and quartets will be in concert at Fort Ward Park July 28 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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ROANOKE — Beginning July 25, the Bonham Museum of Fine Arts will display the work over a 26-year period of artist Rod Groves.

The show, entitled Red Grooms: The Graphic Work, 1897-1986, was organized by the artist's hometown of Nashville, Tenn., and is being circulated by the Trust for Museum Exhibitions.

The show features two-dimensional works such as Diagonals, Shore, Picasso Goes To Heaven and a selection of three-dimensional cutouts including Gertrude, Dalí Salad, Patá Domino and London Bus.

The collector of Groves' work, Walter Knestrick, will give a gallery talk Thursday, Aug. 4 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A catalogue of the artist's graphic work accompanies the exhibit.

For more information call 242-8760.

THEATER

LEXINGTON — Henry Street Playhouse presents Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado* tonight through Sunday.

For reservations call 453-8637.

MUSIC

HO-LO, the house band for Miami's Tobacco Road for years, presents its Miami style boogie. Ho means "all right" in Creole and is the Mardi Gras anthem.

For more information call (800) 971-7044.

CHARLOTTESVILLE — The Ash-Lawn Highland Opera Festival will continue this weekend on Saturday and Sunday with Rossini's *Cinderella* beginning at 7 p.m.

The English version of the classic tale is faithful to the classic tale complete with such elements as Cinderella's magical transformation and the requisite glass slippers.

59 American films set for state film festival

CHARLOTTESVILLE — The University of Virginia, in partnership with the governor's office and the Virginia Film Office, will host the 1988 Virginia Festival of American Film on Thursday, Oct. 27 through Sunday, Oct. 30.

The first Virginia Film Festival will feature film shorts as well as leading masters from the film industry including producers Daniel Gaidner Jr., Lewis Allen ("Lord of the Flies"), David Brown ("Cocoon," "The Slaves"), Robert Radnitz ("Cross Creek"), and Zari Hamner ("The Waltons").

The Virginia Festival is the only festival devoted entirely to American film. Throughout the festival's four days, various aspects of the American experience as portrayed in film will be explored through the images, themes, styles, genres and film legends of the Silver Screen.

The program for the film festival consists of 59 film screenings, including premieres and historic films. The festival will also include screenings of films by Fred Wiseman and other documentary film makers. The films will be shown on the University's grounds

Other operas in the festival include Dmitri's *The Elmir*. *Love* to be presented July 28, 30 and Aug. 4, 7 and 11.

Dimitri's ebullient and romantic score frames a captivating face comedy, based on the effects of a sporadic love elixir. Ash-Lawn Highland will present an updated version of the opera, setting it in a Western town during the 19th Century.

The action centers around Adina, a wealthy orphan, and her would-be suitor, Sergeant Belcore and Nemorino. When Adina is snubbed by their professions of love, Nemorino procures a love potion — which is really wine from an unsuspecting Dr. Dulcurena. Infatuated by Nemorino's subsequent drunkenness, Adina hastily decides to marry Belcore, but Nemorino schemes to win her back.

All the operas are sung in English. For more information call 203-9539.

ALEXANDRIA — The Alexandria Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus and quartets will be in concert at Fort Ward Park July 28 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Harmonizers, 1986 International Barbershop Chorus Champions, will offer old and new tunes in the American barbershop style.

For more information call 250-3774.

ROANOKE — Robert Plant comes to the Richmond Coliseum Wednesday at 8 p.m. Opening the concert will be Cheap Trick.

Since the disbanding of Led Zeppelin, Plant's solo career has developed into a succession of artistic changes. Following the release of two solo albums, *Pictures at Eleven* and *The Principle of Moments* with Jimmy Page, he recorded *The Honeydrppers*, which produced such hits as the sea love and Rocking at Midnight.

For more information call the box office at 1-800-448-9009.

ETCETERA

VERONA — Registration is now open for those interested in joining the Teen Acting Workshop for area teen-agers aged 7-12.

The Saturday sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday sessions will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The children's Performing Arts Day Camp covers a range of activities from characterizations to costume to music storytelling and staging. The camp will be held from July 25 through July 29 from 8:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information call 248-1864.

FILM

CHARLOTTESVILLE — Vnegar Hill Theater presents John Water's rollicking comedy *Hair-Trigger* through Sunday.

The late Divine stars in this comedy playing the '90s mother committed to be laundry but always ready for shopping. The all-star cast includes Dobby Harry, Sonny Shon, Jerry Stiller, Hook Osofsky and Pia Zadora.

A free hot of popcorn will be given to anybody in vintage pettinats.

Showtimes are 8:40 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

As well as in Charlottesville area commercial theaters.

In addition to these films, the festival will incorporate panel discussions and lectures from top professionals in the film industry who will examine various topics. Seminars are as follows: Screenplay as Adaptation; The Black Experience in Film; The Making of "Cross Creek"; Women in Film; The Producer as Creator; The Documentary; Fact and Fiction; Making the Movie Stars on Television; and The Making of "The Confession."

Virginia Gov. Gerald Baliles will be on hand at the festival to announce the three winners of the \$1,000 Governor's Screenshot Award. The winners will be selected by a outside panel of entertainment professionals who will judge the full-length feature films or television movie scripts on a variety of criteria. The contest, open to Virginia residents, is sponsored by the Governor's office, the Virginia Film Office and the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

For general and ticket information, please contact the Virginia Festival of American Film (804) 624-0568.



A tavern filled with history
More than 400 rare antiques can be found at Michie Tavern in Charlottesville, consulting one of the finest collections from colonial and revolutionary periods. The excellent part of the house was built by Patrick Henry's father about 1738, and was later sold to the John Michie family. Visitors to the tavern and nearby gift shop and wine museum are introduced to its history by costumed hostesses.

Concert group's membership drive plans announced

The board of directors of the Staunton Community Concert Association has announced plans for the 1988-1989 membership campaign.

The concert will be as follows: The Casa Verde Trio, piano, violin and cello, Nov. 2; The Singers, an octet of singers, Nov. 28; Gelin and Laurie Romero, guitar and organ, March 5; and the Atlantic brass quintet, "New York" Stanton concerts are held in the John Lewis Auditorium of Lee High School.

A reciprocal agreement with the Waynesboro Community Concert Association allows their members to attend Staunton concerts and vice-versa. Waynesboro concerts include The Hammer Piano Quartet on Oct. 26; Toccata and Fauriel, organ and trumpet, Nov. 10 (both will be held at First Presbyterian Church); and the Royale Trio, piano, flute and cello, on April 14 in Waynesboro High School.

Elected were W. Wayt Gibbs, vice-president; Donald C. Kincaid, secretary; D. Scott Thompson, treasurer; Eleanor Logan, patroness chairman; Michel Lou Weisz, membership chairman; New board members introduced are Sharon Phibbs, Carolyn Hunter, Teresa Hugh, Harbo Taylor and Alphonse Hamilton.

A tea for all SCCA workers will be held Sept. 11 at the Beverly Restaurant and the campaign will continue that week.

Miami Sound Machine to play Kings Dominion

RICHMOND — Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine will bring its red hot pop-soul sounds to Kings Dominion on Sunday for one show at 7 p.m.

Miami Sound Machine, known around the world for its smoldering dance tunes, will play in "The Showplace," Kings Dominion's 7,500-seat amphitheater.

The group has had several top 10 hits including "Conga," "Bad Boy," "Rhythm Is Gonna Get You" and the recent chartbuster, "I'm In A Good Mood For You."

A limited number of reserved seat concert tickets will be available at Kings Dominion on the day of the concert. Park admission is required. Advance sale concert tickets are now available at all TicketCenter locations.

For more information, call Kings Dominion at 804-875-5000 or the concert line at 804-875-1132.

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Basin Street North featured group in the park Thursday

Jazz in the Park will feature Basin Street North at 8 p.m. Thursday night at the Garden in Gypsy Hill Park.

Basin Street North started as a feature group from within the historic Stonewall Brigade Band and has grown in popularity and prominence on the local music scene.

The members of the local group are a "veritable 'who's who'" of local instrumentalists leading the group and doing the musical arrangements is Al Winters on clarinet and saxophone. Winters operated the Melodiers Orchestra for many years, and now is music director at Cherryvale United Methodist Church and a member of the Bethesda band and the Jazz Brigade and is currently appearing in the orchestra in the Oak Grove Theater production of "The Pirates of Penzance."

Ruddy Thomas of Waynesboro plays banjo in the group. He has been an active musician in many groups and has taught guitar in the Waynesboro area for many years. He also worked at the Taylor and Boody engineering building shop.

Chuck Goodson of Middlebrook rounds out the group as the drummer. Goodson has played in numerous

music groups in the area, and will appear in the majority of groups playing for Jazz in the Park. His list of credits include the Jazz Brigade, Tri Cities Jazz Band, Sunday Drive, Glasshouse Jazz Band, the House bands at the Board's Head Inn and the Home-Club, with the Staunton Choral Society. As a member of the Army band, he toured the world in the late 1940s, and while in the Washington, D.C. area played in the main band for the inaugural ball of three presidents.

In addition to their jazz performances, the members of Basin Street North can be heard each Monday in the park performing with the Stonewall Brigade Band.

Basin Street North plus other selections compatible with the Dixieland style. Selections to be performed Thursday include "Alesandro's Ragtime Band," "St. Louis Blues," and "Just a Clove Walk."

The concert is free and open to the public.

Some seating is provided at the garden, but concertgoers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Limited picnic facilities are also available.

George Hamilton IV, Townes Van Zandt featured at Oak Grove

VERONA — The Tenth Annual Oak Grove Music Festival features George Hamilton IV, a long-time member of the Grand Ole Opry, and Townes Van Zandt, a frequently-recorded singer-songwriter. Theater Wagon of Staunton sponsors the festival to be held Aug. 27 at the Oak Grove Theatre.

Festival artists also include The Southern Mountain Melody Makers, The Spring Gap Heilenders, Tom Espinola and Lorraine Duist, Glimy Hawker and Kay Justice with Ben Hawker, Bill Wellington, and Windfall. They represent a spectrum of styles from foot-stomping country blue to very traditional shape-note singing and a variety of folk-style bands, harmony duos, solo artists, a stringer and dance caller.

The weekend includes concert prizes and Saturday nights and a

capitol sing featuring George Hamilton IV Sunday afternoon. Dancing in cooperation with Valley Country Dancers will follow on Friday night and Sunday afternoon. Audiences choose from a variety of workshops (multi-concerts) Saturday afternoon.

George Hamilton IV has appeared on three continents and recorded two gold records and more than 50 albums. He is the most recent all-gospel. His hits include "A Little Bit of Early Morning Rain," "She's a Little Bit Country," and "Canadian Pacific."

Townes Van Zandt's songs range from No. 1 country hits to sensitive folk ballads. They are recorded by Willie Nelson and Emmy Lou Harris ("Pancho and Lefty"), Doc Watson ("If I Needed You"), Robin and Linda Williams ("One Bad Afternoon"),

and Steve Grove ("No Place to Fall").

Tom Espinola and Lorraine Duist and perform on harp, mandolin, guitar, and percussion. Duist appeared with Tragedy around the world, while Espinola was a member of New Morning String Band and Notch's Dots.

Weekend tickets may be ordered from Theater Wagon, Route 1, Box 152, Staunton 5403. The festival has been sold out in advance for eight of its 10 years, and tickets for individual performances are not available. Call (703) 886-3008 for information.

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