



Wednesday, June 25, 2003

Hall presents jazz favorites, movie classics

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Held on the grounds of Meadow Brook Hall, both events are scheduled each week throughout July, while Friday Flicks also continues through August. The programs bring the lively music and memorable movies of the 1930s to a venue that is itself rich with the history of that era.

"When Frank Sinatra, still a virtual nobody on the big band music scene, performed for Frances Dodge's 16th birthday party, Matilda Dodge Wilson worried that none of her guests would know of him and perhaps she should hire a more popular musician," said Sally Victor, executive director of Meadow Brook Hall. "It is only fitting that we bring jazz legends and movie classics back to the hall this summer to pay tribute to the decade that brought us the greats — the glorious and glamorous '30s."

Jazz in the Pegasus Garden takes place from 7 to 10 p.m. Wednesday evenings throughout July in the garden, which is named for its statue of the mythical winged horse. Admission is \$20 per person in advance or \$25 per person at the door. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be available.

Some of the Metro Detroit area's jazz masters are scheduled to perform, including the Larry Nozero Quintet (July 2), Brazil and Beyond (July 9), Shahida Nurullah and Friends (July 16), Swingset with Susan Chastain and Jim Depogny (July 23), and Los Gatos (July 30).

Friday Flicks offer visitors a true outdoor movie experience. Set in Meadow Brook Hall's beautifully restored rock garden, moviegoers can bring their own blanket and view classic 1930s films while enjoying a picnic of gourmet cheeses, crackers and dessert. Wine and bottled water also are included. Cost is \$25 per person and includes the picnic. Doors open at 9 p.m. with the featured movie beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Friday Flicks Schedule:

- "The Grand Hotel" with Greta Garbo, John Barrymore and Joan Crawford (July 11)
- "Tarzan, the Ape Man" with Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'Sullivan (July 18)
- "Shall We Dance" with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers (July 25)
- "Jezebel" with Bette Davis and Henry Fonda (Aug. 1)
- "The Adventures of Robin Hood" with Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland (Aug. 8)
- "Lady Killer" with James Cagney and Mae Clarke (Aug. 15)

Listed on both the national and state registers of historic places, **Meadow Brook Hall** is the fourth largest historic house museum in the United States and is especially renowned for its superb craftsmanship, architectural detailing and grand scale. Built in the 1920s as the residence of Oakland University founders, Matilda Dodge Wilson (widow of auto pioneer John Dodge) and her second husband lumber broker Alfred G. Wilson, the 110-room, 88,000-square-foot, Tudor-revival style mansion is complete with vast collections of original art and furnishings.

For more information on Meadow Brook Hall's Jazz in the Pegasus Garden or Friday Flicks programs, visit the **Meadow Brook Hall** Web site or call (248) 370-3140.

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