

Birmingham Arts Festival Off to a Dancing Start

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Getting off to a dancing start in a sea of surrealism, Birmingham Arts Festival's patrons and guests will arrive Saturday evening at Bloomfield Hills country club for the Festival's first Ball.

Guests will find the club transformed into an Art Gallery when they arrive for cocktails at 7. On the main floor, talent of BAA members will be displayed with original paintings satirizing modern art.

A COUPLE of weeks ago, a group of artistic people gathered to "throw together" their crazy concoctions on canvas for the gala affair.

Among the paintings to be viewed will be Jan DiMarco's, "Wine, Woman and Song"; Rocco DiMarco will display three, "Good Glove, No Hit", "Black Tan" and "Picasso's Mother".

PHIL DeBeaubien has offered the following for the gallery, "Which Side Is Up", "Oscar Winner" and "Easter Parade".

Bob Thom's creation is "Was A Very Busy Day and Hot", and Dorothy Siddall will display, "The Man Who Works in Plaster", "Hecate" and "Dior Tulip".

FOLLOWING the cocktail hour, couples will convene upstairs in the main dining room for dinner. Decor in the main dining room will be carried out in hot South American hues.

Guests will be startled to find flying objects and fountains spurting in an awkward manner throughout the club house.

ON THE MENU for the \$100-per-couple festive affair will be shrimp cocktail, white beans and lentil salad, chicken breast sauted, parsley new potatoes, asparagus polonais, strawberry parfait, petit-fours and coffee.

Proceeds from the Ball will be used to further the goal of establishing a community cultural center building fund in the area.

MRS. C. R. Osborn and Mrs. Don E.

Ahrens are co-chairmen of the Arts Festival Ball. Serving on the invitations committee are Mrs. Edward Wellock and Mrs. John Blomquist.

Rocco DiMarco and Clifford West are co-chairing the decorations committee. Mrs. Dean Coffin and Mrs. LeRoy Kiefer are co-chairmen for the placecards and seating arrangements.

THE RECEPTION committee is headed by Mrs. Paul Averill and Mrs. Robert Thom, co-chairman. The social committee has Mrs. Lee Vincent as chairman and Robert Bender has been named treasurer for the Ball.

Couples in their finest formal dinner attire and elegant gowns will whirl to the music of Jack Qualey and his orchestra. Marie Roumell will sing and entertain for the guests.



'A Little More Red'

Rocco DiMarco of Dunston road, Bloomfield Hills, working against time for completion of his creation which will be displayed at the Arts Festival Ball.



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