

# The Village Vibe

*The Newspaper for and about the Historic Near Northside*

## 2003 Victorian Village Society New Year Kick-Off Party

by Gavin Armstrong, President

A very good time was had by all who attended the January 16th Victorian Village Society's (VVS) New Year's Membership Drive/Kick-Off Party at **The Brickyard**. Neighbors who braved the snow and cold mingled, ate a variety of food items and sipped "adult" beverages during this 4th Annual event. The Friends of Goodale Park and the Short North Neighborhood Foundation made brief presentations on upcoming projects and activities. This summer appears to be the time when we can all enjoy the efforts that are being made by these area organizations.

New residents to our area got acquainted with one another and several joined the Society membership. Many thanks to Jan Rosenfield (Chair of the Membership Committee) for her efforts to greet everyone who



came through the door and solicit new members. The whole event would not have taken place if it had not been for the efforts of Brian Higgins

(VVS Vice-President) and his coordination with the folks at **The Brickyard**. We would also like to thank all the good people at **The Brickyard** whose generosity helped make this event a success. Don't forget the following events at **The Brickyard**:

### **Buckeye Monday**

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Finally, with the large number of VVS members present, there was one order of business that those present desired to bring

to closure, a vote to approve the Society's By-Laws. The VVS By-Laws had been under revision for several months, discussed at several Society meetings, and printed last month in the



Village Vibe. Comments on the content were openly sought and many were provided. Thanks to Joe Blasko, Ann Kozliner, Donna Byrom, Jim Schmelzer, Charlie Loutzheiner and Jack Decker for coordinating what are considered needed changes to the Society. A motion for approval was made by Joe Blasko, seconded by Jack Decker, and then unanimously approved.

## Victorian Village Architectural Review Commission

Have you ever thought of becoming a Victorian Village Commissioner? For those of you who aren't familiar with the commission, Victorian Village is governed by architectural guidelines to promote appropriate rehabilitation work and new construction.

If you have any interest in becoming a commissioner, call the Victorian Village Society at **614.228.2912** or email us at [VillageVibe@hotmail.com](mailto:VillageVibe@hotmail.com)

## 2003 Victorian Village Tour of Homes Meeting

Are you interested in volunteering for the 2003 Victorian Village Home and Garden Tour? The tour is one of the most exciting events in our community, but it can only be successful through the support of people like you! There are plenty of different activities to participate in that can draw upon your own interests and strengths.

The next meeting will be **Thursday, February 27th at 7:00 PM** at the Caretaker's Residence in Goodale Park.. The February meeting will concentrate on hammering-out the various Events/Parties planned for September's Tour. Everyone involved or interested in planning the Tour Events/Parties is welcome!

If you have any questions, please contact **Stephen Weed at 291-7035** or via email [vvtour2003@columbus.rr.com](mailto:vvtour2003@columbus.rr.com)



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## February Events in



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So take a break from your daily routine, escape the cold, and explore Ireland right here in Columbus.



Patrons at O'Shaughnessy's in the Arena District

### Where to Go, What to See

If you want entertainment, the Arena District is the place to be this month. All sports fanatics should head to Nationwide Arena as both the Blue Jackets and Landsharks take on some fierce competition with four home games. Not a sports fan? Then indulge in the music of Bon Jovi with special guest The Goo Goo Dolls on February

16, or enjoy Disney on Ice, as they celebrate Walt Disney's 100 years of Magic from February 19-23.

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Looking for some great music?

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The Frog, Bear, & Wild Boar Bar - Live music every Friday and Saturday night.

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Volunteer	Society Service of 1 hour = \$1 toward membership			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I would like to volunteer with Victorian Village Society activities, like the Tour of Homes, The Victorian Village Society Membership Committee, The Vibe Committee, and other fundraisers/activities

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**Italian Village Web Site**

Have you ever been curious about the activities of the Italian Village Society and Architectural Review Commission? Have you ever wondered what is new in the community or in the schools? Well, now all your questions can be answered at [www.italianvillage.org](http://www.italianvillage.org)

Check out this very informative site today!



**Church Stories**

I recently had the chance for a delightful interview with folks from the Fourth Avenue Christian Church. So this month I thought we would pass on **part one** of their story. Don't forget, if you would like your church to be a part of the Church Stories series, drop me an email at [mike@thequestcolumbus.com](mailto:mike@thequestcolumbus.com)



Stained glass inside Fourth Avenue Christian Church

Fourth Avenue Christian Church (FACC) holds an easy to find spot in the Short North, the northwest corner of Neil and Fourth Avenues. Interestingly, the actual front of the building is on Fourth Avenue, so most folks who are just passing through don't see it the way

they ought to. Another spot where FACC shows up is in the Village Vibe where they have been a longtime advertiser. We sure appreciate that!

The FACC was established back on August 11, 1895. The founding Pastor was Mr. E.S. DeMiller. The original building (seen to the right as it is today) was actually across the street from their current location. They outgrew that building throughout the long tenure of their ministry and eventually built their current home at 296 West Fourth Avenue. The church has also been able to extend its ministry around the city as it started two other churches, Northwest Christian on Fishinger Road and Karl Road Christian Church.

Current seven-year member Kathy Rhinehart summed up the recent past of the church by saying, "The biggest thing that happened to the church is the same thing that happened to the neighborhood. It was difficult to live here. Some of the core members moved out to the suburbs and stayed connected to the church. Some of the members were born here and moved out, but some still drive back in because this is their church."

A series on Near Northside Churches by Mike Jentes



The original Fourth Avenue Christian Church

Joe Bliffen has been the minister at the church for the last two years. He commented, "These challenging two years we are meeting with some success and still some more successes." He prefers that people involved call him "Joe" and he prides himself on being more a teacher of the Bible than a "preacher." To aid his teaching, he distributes detailed outlines each Sunday morning. Joe enjoys letting people know this is what the Bible says and then being open to discussion and even having different points of view and belief. He contends, "Within the church there is a diversity of beliefs allowing folks to form their own opinions."

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**Quick Pics**

1. What is your most memorable Valentine's Day date?
2. What is your favorite color of eyes?
3. What was the best part of the 2003 Victorian Village Membership Party?



Christiana Cordiano of Olde Towne East

1. February 14, 1995
2. Eyes like the sea after a storm
3. Seeing old friends and making new ones



Carrie Kolp of Durable Slate


1. I'm still waiting, but flowers are always a good start
2. It depends on the man behind the eyes...
3. Meeting the red-bearded Viking



photos provided by Brian Higgins

Jim Sweeney of J. Sweeney

1. February 14th.
2. Brown, blue eyed people are morally weak.
3. Giving credit where credit was due.

 <p><b>St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church</b> (in Victorian Village) 205 Madison Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43215 299-5224</p>	<p><b>WEEKEND MASSES</b> Sunday: 9 am and 11 am</p>
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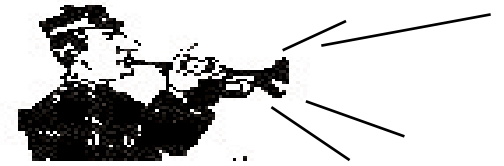
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## Travel Tips by Deb

### Pack a sandwich before you go!

Don't get on a flight hungry any more. Airlines have changed their meal program. It used to be that flights over and 1 1/2 served something, even if it was a bag of broken pretzels. Now, on flights longer than 2 hours you might be lucky enough to have the opportunity to purchase a meal on board. Don't plan on the airline feeding you in-flight. Just bring something if you think you'll get hungry on board. Unless of course, you want to pay \$3-10 for the famous rubber chicken dinner.

Also changed is the "paper ticket". Airlines have switched to doing ticket electronically.

They are called E-Tickets. ETKTS work great. However, some people still like to walk to the ticket counter with something in their hands. And you still can. But, the airlines are charging you for that too. USA Today recently listed these charges and shows you how the airlines vary in price.

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## mARTi gras

Each year the Short North Neighborhood Foundation holds a fundraiser to support our mission, called 'mARTi gras'. This year's masked ball will be held on 'Fat Tuesday', March 4th, 2003 at the Crowne Plaza. This visual paradise reflects the diversity, creativity, and vitality of the Short North Neighborhood. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served, as the music of the HooDoo Soul band will enliven the party. A silent auction, table decorating contest, circus performers, and mask making will be part of the entertainment. The Short North Community Leadership award will be presented for the third year. Tickets are \$50 each or \$80 for two, members of a Short North organization pay only \$40!

### Our Mission

The Short North Neighborhood Foundation's mission is to 'advance the creative spirit, diversity, and vitality of our neighborhoods and civic organizations. To achieve this end, the SNNF may provide resources of time, money, and talent.' The SNNF's philosophy is that through our support of creative, diverse, and vital projects, the Short North can be the ultimate urban art experience.

The Short North Neighborhood Foundation asks you for a donation to this fundraiser. All donations are tax deductible. For more information or to submit your donation please contact our Director, Gwynne Rukenbrod at 614.262.0801

## midtown parents & kids



by Stacey Lemming-Blasko

Midtown Parents & Kids held its Annual Meeting and School Symposium on January 11, 2003. By unanimous vote, the membership elected two new Board members, Kim Hanks and Antony Shuttleworth, to two-year terms on the Board. Kim and Antony both have children under one year old, and are active in MPK's infant playgroup. Additionally, Board President Sabrina Bobrow appointed Suzanne Schneiderman to fill the one-year term left open by resigning Board member Paul Khoury. Suzanne has a child enrolled in the preschool at St. Joseph Montessori.

Kim, Antony and Suzanne join returning Board members Mindi Jentes (elected to a new two-year term), and Jayne Speicher-Bocija, Lisa Garrison Ragsdale, and Stacey Lemming Blasko (each entering their second year in two-year terms). The new Board is in the process of setting goals for the upcoming year. Among them, the Board hopes to continue the recent success of the infant and pre-K playgroups, and revitalize MPK's offerings for school-age children. Anyone with suggestions or comments for future MPK services should contact a Board member

or call Sabrina Bobrow at 297-1152.

During MPK's 6th Annual School Symposium, parents of children kindergarten through second grade who live in the Short North spoke regarding their experiences with the school that their child currently attends. Several area schools were represented, including Fifth Avenue Alternative, Indianola, Second Avenue, and St. Joseph's Montessori. Additionally, MPK provided parents with an area map, indicating which school their child would automatically be assigned to based upon location, information on the Columbus Public Schools lottery system, and contact information for representatives of schools that were not represented by speakers at the symposium. Overall, attending parents were impressed with the wealth of information offered by the Symposium. MPK plans to offer the Symposium as part of its Annual Meeting each January.


For more information on MPK, contact Sabrina Bobrow at 297-1152, or visit the MPK website at [www.neighborhoodlink.com/org/mpk](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/org/mpk).



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## Picture from the Air Contest

by Brian Higgins

### Welcome Mr. Matelski

Finally, someone has risen up and defeated the powerful Mark Green. I extend my congratulations to Robert Matelski who correctly identified the intersection of Fifth Avenue and High Street. You get free food!! Hopefully Mr Matelski's quick response and subsequent success will inspire other people in the community.

I dare you to play....

As always, you can submit your answer by email at [villagevibe@hotmail.com](mailto:villagevibe@hotmail.com) or by the more conventional means:

Village Vibe Photo Contest  
P.O. Box 10792  
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Email is checked quasi-daily, snail mail a little less frequently.

## WAREHOUSE THEATRE CO. ANNOUNCES THE 2003 "SLIGHT SEASON"

Warehouse Theatre Co. announces their 2003 "Slight Season". The two show mini-season will open with the Tony Award winning play ART, Friday, February 21 through Sunday, March 2, 2003 and close with the powerful A PIECE OF MY HEART, May 16 through June 1, 2003

### ABOUT THE SHOWS

ART, written by acclaimed French playwright Yasmina Reza and translated by Christopher Hampton, is the story of three friends. Serge who buys a painting, Marc who hates the painting, and Yvan who doesn't know which side he belongs on. Serge has just purchased a painting. It's white. With diagonal white lines. To Marc, the painting is a joke, but Serge insists that Marc does not have the proper standard to judge the painting. Yvan, though burdened with his own problems allows himself to be pulled into the disagreement. Lines are drawn and these old friends square off over the canvas, using it as an excuse to relentlessly batter one another over various failures. At the breaking point Serge hands Marc a felt tip pen and dares him: "Go on." This is where the friendship is finally tested, and the aftermath of what happens next will affirm the bonds of true friendship.

A PIECE OF MY HEART written by Shirley Lauro (Susan Blackburn Prize winner, Barbara Deming Prize for Women Playwrights winner) tells the true stories of six courageous women sent to Vietnam and their struggle to make sense

of a war that irrevocably changed them and a nation that shunned them. A PIECE OF MY HEART is a work with the music and soul of a tumultuous era in our history.

### TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for productions in the "Slight Season" may be purchased by calling the Warehouse Box Office at 488-9119, Monday through Saturday between the hours of 10:30 AM to 6:30 PM or by e-mailing us at warehouse\_reservations@yahoo.com. Ticket prices range from \$8 - \$12 per production. Price breakdown is as follows: Friday and Saturday Evening, \$12 for adults and \$10 for students with a valid I.D., Thursday and Sunday Evenings and Saturday Matinees, \$10 for adults and \$8 for students with a valid I.D.

### ABOUT WAREHOUSE THEATRE CO.

Warehouse Theatre Co. is a semi-professional theatre that is dedicated to furthering the growth of the artistic movement in Central Ohio. Warehouse Theatre will strive for the highest standards of artistic excellence. We promote an artist's freedom of self-awareness, artistic integrity, and strive to be courageous in our artistic endeavors. The mission of Warehouse Theatre Co. is to produce high quality, electrifying theatre that will awaken the imagination of a new audience. For more information about Warehouse Theatre Co. call 488-9119 or email us at warehouse\_theatre@yahoo.com.



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#### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesday March 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th at 10:30 AM. Join us for a great time of singing, stories, and fingerplays. Ages 3 to 6.

#### ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

On Wednesday, March 5th, at 6:30 PM the Book Group will be discussing White Teeth by Zadie Smith. White Teeth is a delightfully cacophonous tale that spans 25 years of two families' assimilation in North London. The Joneses and the Iqbals are an unlikely pairing of families, but their intertwined destinies distill the British Empire's history and hopes into a dazzling multi-ethnic melange that is a pure joy to read. Smith proves herself to be a master at drawing fully realized, vibrant characters, and she demonstrates an extraordinary ear for dialogue. It is a novel full of humor and empathy that is as inspiring as it is enjoyable.

On Wednesday, April 2nd, at 6:30 PM the Book Group will be discussing American Pastoral by Philip Roth.

#### ONE-ON-ONE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

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### Fourth Avenue Christian Church

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## Ohio State Buckeyes Crowned National Champions

by Brian Higgins

*Normally the Village Vibe does not run sports related stories. However, Ohio State's recent national championship, combined with our community's proximity to the University, made it very difficult to ignore.*

After acquiring two degrees at The Ohio State University, my friends, family and business associates would often say to me, "So... are you a Buckeye fan?"

My rather caustic reply was usually something to the effect of, "I have to be. They have all my money."

Yet on January 3, there were people across this great nation who stood up, even without the financial obligation to the University that I bear, and proclaimed themselves Buckeye faithful. From Tempe to Taylor Tower, people celebrated Ohio State's unlikely win over the heavily favored Miami Hurricanes and their first college championship since (gulp) five years before I was born (for those of you at home who don't

know how old I am, OSU last was crowned king of college football in 1968. Also, you should also know that my birthday is coming up and I enjoy real estate transactions and mutual funds...)



*Ohio State's greatest and most powerful alumnus, Richard Lewis, expresses his emotion at the 2003 Fiesta Bowl*

Ohio State's victory was not exciting only for local fans whose opinions are screwed by their own biases and emotional allegiance. No fan of

football could deny the intense level drama that surrounded the final 16:11 of regulation. We watched Miami score 10 unanswered points including a field goal as time expired forcing overtime. Every hospital in town prepared for an influx of heart attack patients when with Miami up by one touchdown in the first overtime, the OSU quarterback threw an incomplete pass on fourth down that seemingly ending the game. Seemingly, if not for a pass interference call on Miami that allowed OSU the opportunity to tie the score. The game kept viewers on the edge of their seats until the very last series of the game where with the Buckeyes ahead by 7, the Ohio State defense stopped Miami four times from the one-yard line to seal the victory.

Yes, I have bought into the corporate machine that has become college football. I have a shirt, a hat, a bag of Tostitos and a can of Coke that all commemorate OSU's great victory, but so what? I am going to take from now until August to enjoy this victory, forget about the shortcomings of the Browns and the Blue Jackets and call all my friends who went to different universities to remind them...we're... number... one!

## Italian Village Society Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2003 - Short Stop Youth Center

The meeting was called to order and the December minutes were reviewed and were unanimously approved. The treasurer's report for November and December was that we started the period at \$5,918.35 and had income of \$10 and expenses of \$3,187.89 and we closed the period with a checking account balance of \$2,740.46.

### Italian Village Commission Report

Steve Hurtt, IV Commission President, shared that New Victorians submitted development for 11 city blocks bounded by Punta Alley, Hamlet Street, East 3rd Avenue and North Fourth Street. The IVC and the New Victorians are still in litigation. The IVC has filed a complaint with the State Ethics Committee and they will not be taking any action on New Victorians submissions until they hear back from them.

The next meeting they will hear about the following: 1) Proposed council variance application for the Jeffrey Administration building to be turned into apartments/condos, 2) New double at the corner of 3rd and Hamlet, and 3) Hear the final BZA application for the Northeast corner of Summit Street and 2nd Avenue from CVM Properties. They are seeking approval on the final details of a variance dividing the parcels in the lot to comparable sizes in the rest of the Village. This development still needs to figure out another way to deal with the traffic generated as it still flows onto Punta Alley.

The IVC will be attending a meeting with all five architectural review commissions in the city to unify the language of the Commission Guidelines. The status of city workers is that: Randy Black is working with the Commissions and is to be posting the IVC minutes to the IVS website. The city is currently interviewing for Diane's position. Hopefully to be filled soon

### Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority regarding Taylor Terrace site

Nigel Simpson shared that the Financing with FHA was completed the end of 2002 and they started the infrastructure work on January 2 of this year. They are now putting in deep trenches for sewers, then shallow trenches for water, electric, cable, etc. The plan is for foundations to be laid and construction of housing to take place around April 1.

The development shall consist of 100 residences delineated as 40 one-bedroom, 50 two-bedroom, and 10 three-bedroom units. There will be duplexes, triplexes, and apartment-style housing. The "avant garde" design includes metal and

brick exterior materials. 20 of the units will be public housing, and the other 80 regular rental units. There will be small public parks and green space on the north and south ends of the development that will be maintained by Affinity Management. This management entity will be on the corner 2nd and Summit. Rent will be determined by the income level and family size of the residents. If all goes well, the project will be completed by Summer of 2004.

A suggestion came from the Society to consider the southern park of the development to have continuity with the similarly shaped Christopher Columbus Park (Warren & Hamlet) as both of these are in design stage.

### Gwynne Rukenbrod from Short North Neighborhoods Foundation

Gwynne is the new executive director of the SNNF and quickly answered the question of what does the Foundation do? She explained that the Short North Business Association (SNBA) is the marketing arm, the Short North Improvements District (SID) is the maintenance/construction arm, and the SNNF is the fundraising arm.

The SNNF is two years old. They have a board of 12 members, Lori Baudro serves as the representative from the IVC and Jim Mengel represents the IVS. There are two big events that she wanted to push

Marti Gras ball on Fat Tues, March 4th with costume celebration at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. \$50 for tickets, but take off \$10 if you are part of a neighborhood organization and you can buy 2 tickets for \$80. You can get tickets starting February 1st at the Wood Companies and Functional Furnishings. It won't be a full sit-down meal this year, but "heavy hors d'oeuvres" with a cash bar. They will have the table topper competition, crown a King and Queen and the Who Doo Soul band will provide the music.

The second event is the Art and Music Festival on May 3, which is Gallery Hop night. They are encouraging all SNBA merchants to get sidewalk permits to make the atmosphere. There will be 50 artists from Ohio, 7 bands (tent in Fireproof lot) with either free or \$5 admission. The Art display will go down Warren and Pearl Alley. Mary Miller is the art coordinator. As with all neighborhood events, volunteer sign-ups are necessary! If you would like to volunteer, call 262-7466 or email Gwynne at [grukenbrod@wideopenwest.com](mailto:grukenbrod@wideopenwest.com).

In other areas the SNNF is also working on their First 100 Parties that are going to get revamped for the coming year. They are shooting for the 2nd Tuesday of every month to spotlight businesses and raise funds. They are redesigning their web page to add an events listing. They have given some grants, such as the mobile murals, and the painting on Lincoln and High. The endowment is currently at \$20,000. They are also working hard on pocket parks having already raised \$115,000 for that. One last service they can offer is that they can be the 501(c)3 fiscal agent for organizations who need that status to get grants.

### Bill Dawson from Franklin Park Conservatory regarding the Community Gardens Project.

Mr. Dawson runs the "Growing to Green" community gardens project. He handed out some brochures about the Conservatory and "Growing to Green". He offered that he is a resource guy, not just about growing plants, but that they could review park plans or landscaping or whatever might help the neighborhood.

He applauded our existing IV Community Garden on 2nd Avenue between Hamlet and 4th Streets, which Todd Spradlin coordinates. He also shared that there are grants available. They are provided through Scott's to the Columbus Foundation in the amount of \$25,000 to disburse every year. The Community Garden grants range from \$1,500 to \$4,000 and applications are due in September. There is a Community Gardening Training Class that goes for eight weeks on Wednesdays starting February 19 through April 6. These classes are free and open to the public at the Conservatory. For more info contact Bill at 645-5952 or [www.fpconservatory.org](http://www.fpconservatory.org)

### Officers

Currently the three elected board members are serving the Society in joint roles. They are still looking for a fourth member to complete the slate. If anyone is interested they can contact Secretary Mike Jentes at [mike@thequestcolumbus.com](mailto:mike@thequestcolumbus.com) or 291-8251. They will also meet soon with Lori Baudro regarding the status of the Italian Village Master Plan and bring some recommendations to the Society.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Jentes - IVS Secretary

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SPOTLIGHT ON

**Mukha Custom Cosmetics & Skin Salon**



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by Mary Martineau, Short North Business Association

"Where Innovation Meets Art" is the byline for Mukha Custom Cosmetics and Skin Salon soon to be open at 980 North High Street. If you are geographically challenged when it comes to Short North addresses- that's just South of East 2nd Avenue between the tranquil ZenCha Tea Salon and the senses-stimulating Celestial Awakenings. This block has come exuberantly ALIVE in the past two years and throwing Tim Maurer's new venture into the mix is gonna turn it on its ear! (Just like our beloved Mona Lisa)!



*Mukha Custom Cosmetics & Skin Salon - 980 North High Street.*

Tim took the scenic route to the Short North from Clintonville- where he grew up- via New York, Los Angeles and other cosmopolitan locales where he has served as a professional makeup artist for the past 15 years. Tim has put in his dues as a makeup artist, honed his skills and perfected his craft. He has worked with divas like Whitney (yes, Houston), Jodi (Ms. Foster, to you), the Dixie Chix, fashion models around the globe and handled feature films like "Field of Dreams." Not impressed? He was a leader with M.A.C. Cosmetics in training and management for seven years, served as Beauty Director of the Mrs. International Pageant System and apprenticed with makeup icon, Way Bandy. We think that qualifies him to ply his fabulous trade and outstanding new products in Columbus.

With all of that expertise, "WHY is he opening up shop in Columbus????!!", you ask. Tim wants his flagship store to be right here on High Street. He lives in the Short North, his heart is here and he wants to contribute to the development of his neighborhood! He has high hopes for satellite stores, but the mothership will be firmly rooted in the Arts District.

Mukha will focus on two facets, custom cosmetics and the skin salon. The front half of the shop will be devoted to makeup. Tim and his staff of professionally trained makeup artists will specially blend each customer's products- from foundation to lipstick, mascara, blush and eyeshadow- according to their skin tone and personal preferences. This line is the only one actually created here in Columbus. It features all vegetable-based raw ingredients, natural botanical fragrances and can be tailored on the spot

according to the color, texture, coverage, flavor and scent preferred by the client. In a hurry and don't have a second to spare for customizing? "Mukha Essentials" will be a versatile pre-made, "carryout" line of cosmetics designed by Tim and ready for your selection.

Not comfortable applying makeup? Never had a big sis or best friend to give you the right tips? Want a new look? Mukha will offer two services, application of your makeup to get you ready for a special event or a lesson in application. A pro will make up your face then they remove it all and make you REDO it to ensure that you can do it at home! If you want to go all out- try the "Wardrobe." For \$350 you get unlimited time with Tim, a case of makeup custom-blended for you and detailed charts and instructions to create your perfect look for all occasions!

The back half of the shop will be where the real spoiling goes on in the salon that specializes entirely in skin care. No hair cutting or manicuring taking place here. They'll happily refer you to another of our fabulous Short North locales for those services! Facials, wraps, body polishing, bronzing, exfoliation, massage and waxing are all available in a variety of intriguing options. Each of the three salon rooms will feature an exclusive electronic bed imported from Australia where all of your services can be provided in the comfort of one room. The beds are adjustable for each service from massage to facial, so you never have to hop to another spot in your robe! For the ultimate luxury treat yourself to the "Champagne & Caviar Facial!" Your skin is exfoliated with champagne enzymes, treated to a "mind-altering Thai facial massage" then a hydrating masque of caviar and grapeseed. For the finale, YOU are treated to a split of bubbly and caviar glazed toast points!

Visit Mukha and you'll think you just entered heaven. But that ain't Saint Peter behind that desk, it's our own Tim Maurer!



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 1 - Short North Gallery Hop
- 1 - Columbus Land Sharks vs. Buffalo Bandits, Nationwide Arena, 7:30 PM
- 2 - Groundhog Day - Travel to Punxsutawney
- 5 - Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Vancouver Canucks, Nationwide Arena, 7:00 PM
- 6-22 - Look In Wonder, Columbus Children's Theater, 512 North Park Street, call 224-6672 for details.
- 7 - Syracuse Crunch vs. Cleveland Barons, Nationwide Arena, 7:00 PM
- 7 - Touchdown Club of Columbus, PromoWest Pavilion (Indoors), 7:00 PM
- 8 - Syracuse Crunch vs. Cincinnati Mighty Ducks, Nationwide Arena, 7:00 PM
- 11 - Italian Village Society, Short Stop Teen Center, 1088 North High Street, 7:30 PM**
- 12 - Columbus Blue Jackets vs. San Jose Sharks, Nationwide Arena, 7:00 PM
- 13 - Victorian Village Commission, 109 North Front Street, 6:00 PM**
- 14 - Columbus Land Sharks vs. New Jersey Storm, Nationwide Arena, 7:30 PM
- 14 - Valentine's Day concert featuring the Indigo Girls with Cordero, PromoWest Pavilion (Indoors), 7:00 PM
- 15 - Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Chicago Blackhawks, Nationwide Arena, 7:00 PM
- 16 - Bon Jovi in concert with The Goo Goo Dolls, Nationwide Arena, 7:30 PM
- 16 - Full Moon
- 18 - Italian Village Commission, 109 North Front Street, 6:15 PM**
- 19-23 - Disney on Ice Celebrates Walt Disney's 100 Years of Magic, Nationwide Arena
- 19 - Toad The Wet Sprocket with Bleu and Wheat, PromoWest Pavilion (Indoors), 7:00 PM
- 20 - Victorian Village Society, Goodale Park Residence House, 7:00 PM**
- 20 - Submissions for the March Vibe Due**
- 22 - Remember, you live in the City that is home to College Football's National Champions. Sure, that isn't a "professional" team, but there are only 32 NFL teams. There are 117 teams that compete to be the best in college. Which is more impressive? Columbus rules.
- 27 - 2003 Victorian Village Tour of Homes Meeting, Goodale Park Caretaker's Residence, 7:00 PM
- 27 - Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Los Angeles Kings, Nationwide Arena, 7:00 PM

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