

MadCap Living History Statues

This year when you find yourself at the Mount Vernon Music and Arts Festival, keep an eye out for these fascinating performers. You never know when a statue might come to life and share a story with you.



In 2012, Joseph Bell invited Jim and Amy K. Stoner to participate in the Mount Vernon Music and Arts Festival with their Living Statues. Back then we were just random people posed in random positions. We may have been seen with our instruments or with our beloved MG Midget. For the past several years we have brought our passion for history to the statue stage.

You may be asking yourself “What exactly is a living statue?” These performers remain completely motionless for extended periods, occasionally moving subtly to interact with the audience or respond to tips, creating a striking illusion of lifelessness while maintaining human presence. These performances harken back as far as medieval times.

MadCap Living History has been privileged over the past several years to bring historical characters to the festival. In the past we have brought Pavarotti, Sinatra, Gilda Radner, Patsy Cline and many others to life. This year we bring Stars of 1970’s TV. Be on the look out for Betty White (Norita Hissong), Doris Day (Amy K. Stoner), Elizabeth Montgomery (Jenny Bartsch) and Mount Vernon’s own, Paul Lynde (Jim Stoner).



Why these characters? Two are Ohio natives. (Paul and Doris). But most importantly, these four will join Lucille Ball, Peter Falk, Eva Gabor, Isabelle Sanford, and Alfred Hitchcock in a MadCap Murder Mystery in September. We hope to see you at the Mount Vernon Music and Arts Festival, MadCap Living History Nights (every 3rd Thursday at the historic Woodward Opera House) and at MadCap Murder and Mayhem in September. For more information visit www.madcaplivinghistory.com and visit us on FaceBook.