

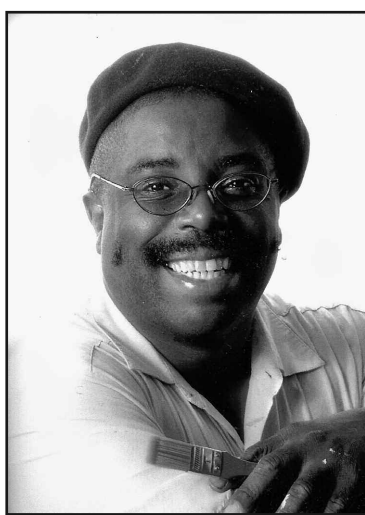
Fulton works on display in Lake Charles

By Linda Meaux
Gazette Reporter

Youngsville artist Adrian Fulton was among those honored in a special program presented at Central School and Humanities Center's Auditorium in Lake Charles.

The honors were hosted by the Black Heritage Foundation, which has served Southwest Louisiana for 21 years in promoting the arts, culture and education. Stella Miller, who is executive director of the foundation's Black Heritage Festival, received a grant in 2002 from the Junior League of Lake Charles to open Black Heritage Gallery, which shares space in the historic center on Kirby Street.

Lake Charles' Black Heritage Festival is one of 64 Louisiana Passport Events held



Adrian Fulton

throughout the state in October. A new exhibit at the museum, Louisiana Zydeco Treasures," offers a salute to Southwest Louisiana Zydeco artists and is

supported by funding from the office of Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu and the World Cultural Economic Forum.

The foundation and festival honored 14 artists this year, part of the festival's week of celebration. The honorees were chosen for their efforts in preserving the great musical tradition of Zydeco, as well as passing it on to the next generation. The evening marked the debut of the "Treasures" exhibit.

Fulton and his wife GiGi make their home in Youngsville. He is a native of Philadelphia, Pa., and served in the U.S. Air Force before joining the Louisiana National Guard in 1993.

The Lake Charles gallery commissioned the visual artist to sketch portraits of Louisiana Zydeco legends.

Fulton is known as the

creator of Crawville Cartoons and for painting life size portraits of jazz legends from the worlds of music, film and sports, as well as his signature five-minute caricatures. His works are exhibited at churches, state and local galleries and establishments.

Others honored at the awards reception were Harold Guillory, Cullen Washington and Ceco, in the category of promotions/radio; Lawrence Ardoin, Sean Ardoin, Willis Prudhomme, Chris Ardoin, Rosie Ledet, Ann Goodly, Queen Ida, Keith Frank and the late BooZoo Chavis, Beau Jocque and Rocking Sidney, musicians.

The Black Heritage Gallery will exhibit Fulton's portraits through Dec. 31. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 337.488.0567.



Col. Charles DeBellevue

DeBellevue is outstanding UL alumni

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette Alumni Association honored Col. Charles DeBellevue as the Outstanding Alumni during Homecoming Week 2008.

The award is the highest honor that a former student can achieve. It recognizes outstanding professional and personal achievements that have brought honor and distinction to the university. To be eligible for his award, one must be a graduate or former student having attended no less than 10 years ago. Recipients participate in a number of Homecoming activities.

DeBellevue earned a bachelor of science degree in physics with a minor in math from the then University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1968. He went on to receive an MBA from Chapman College in 1979, and is also a graduate of Squadron Officer School, Armed Forces Staff College and the Air Force and Army War Colleges.

DeBellevue attended undergraduate navigator training at Mather Air Force Base, graduating in 1969. Following upgrade training in the F-4 and a tour with the 335th Tactical Fighter Squadron, he was assigned to the 555th Squadron in Thailand.

He served as an instructor weapon systems officer and an air controller. He completed 220 combat missions, 96 of which were over North Vietnam, and is credited with the destruction of six North Vietnamese jet fighters in aerial combat.

He was awarded the MacKay Trophy for the most notable aerial achievement in 1972 and is also the recipient of the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Armed Forces Award.

In 1973, DeBellevue served with the 43rd Tactical Fighter Squadron. In 1980, following Armed Forces Staff College, he was assigned to the Air Staff in the Pentagon and served as an action officer. He also represented the Air Staff to the European Participating Governments' Operations Subcommittee.

In 1982, he held several posts with the 335th Squadron. In 1991, he was named chief of staff of the Air Force Flight Test Center. Shortly after he took command of the 95th Air Base Wing.

Col. and Mrs. DeBellevue were the 1994 recipients of the Gen. and Mrs. Jerome F. O'Malley Award, given to the top wing commander and spouse in Air Force Material Command. He is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours, 550 of which were in combat.

His military decorations include the Air Force Cross, three Silver Stars, three Legions of Merit, six Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Meritorious Service Medals, 18 Air Medals, two Air Force Commendation Medals, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm. He retired in February 1998 with 30 years of service.

In 2000, he was employed by Del-Jen Inc. a provider of base support, logistics and construction services to the federal government. While the director of business development, he deployed to south Louisiana the day after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast.

In nearly four months, he helped to develop and manage an operation that grew to 500 employees with a fleet of 300 vehicles, which supported the maintenance of about 60,000 temporary homes located throughout the state. His efforts helped the people of Louisiana to begin recovering from the hurricanes.

DeBellevue is currently a consultant in base operations support and aircraft maintenance operations at Del-Jen Inc. He is married to the former Sally Kanik. They have two daughters, a son and two granddaughters.

'Madagascar 2' is purest escapism

By Ann E. Yeager
Movie Critic

Well, those crazy, kooky animals are back — the sharp-talking zebra, the charismatic lion, the apprehensive giraffe and the sassy hippo, this time to the wilds of Africa, and the fun is pure escapism.

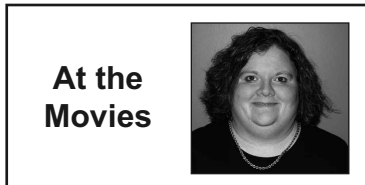
"Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa" is an exciting sequel to the original film, "Madagascar" (2005), with a combination of boisterous, demonstrative animation for kids and witty, intelligent, hilarious dialogue for adults.

In the first film, "Madagascar," a group of wacky zoo animals in New York — including the four, over-the-top comical commando penguins — find themselves on an excursion to Africa and end up in Madagascar instead.

In the sequel, these creative characters, along with the insanely flamboyant lemur king, Julien, (Sacha Baron Cohen, "Borat!") from the original film, take a loopy plane ride in an effort to return back to New York and end up, you guessed it, in Africa.

As they discover their roots in their dreamland of a lush and beautiful scenic escape, the four main characters, Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, and Gloria the Hippo, realize the ramifications of what their lives could be like in Africa. The animals each find themselves in a personal quandary as they question how they belong in this new and different life.

Ben Stiller ("Night at the Museum") voices Alex the Lion with great charisma, as the carnivore struggles to discover his mettle in the tough African wild, which is so different from his dancing, performing days in the asphalt jungle of the New York



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zoo.

Chris Rock ("I Think I Love My Wife"), voices Marty the Zebra with his characteristic hilarity of comedic style, as Marty wades through identity issues, finding that the hordes of zebras in Africa are so much like himself.

David Schwimmer (TV's "Friends") gives a great quivery, tenuous voice to Melman the Giraffe, who finds that the rigors of rough living have revealed the true nature of his heart and his longing to express it.

And Jada Pinkett Smith ("The Women") steals the limelight as the infectiously sassy Gloria the Hippo, who realizes she just wants someone to love her for her true self.

The film is loaded with fantastic themes to latch onto in this fabulous funny family film.

One theme of the show is that the characters want to be accepted for who they really are — something both kids and adults can relate to.

The film also addresses other themes like friendship, love, loyalty, self-sacrifice and heroism.

With the wonderful, vivid quality of DreamWorks Animation, and the elaborately creative plot intertwined with effective subplots, one can surely engage in this enjoyable production.

Ann E. Yeager enjoys watching a good movie, reading, spending time with friends and playing with her golden retriever. Email her at ann@acadianagazette.com.

'Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa'
Rated PG for some mild crude humor
Voices by Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer, Jada Pinkett Smith, Sacha Baron Cohen, Cedric the Entertainer, Bernie Mac, Alec Baldwin

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The Kingsmen Quartet

Quartet in concert at Broussard church

First Baptist Church of Broussard will present a very special musical group, The Kingsmen Quartet, in concert Sunday, Nov. 16.

The concert will be at 10:30 a.m. in the church, 1104 Briarpatch Road.

The quartet is renowned for its presentation of inspirational music. Its latest album, "When God Ran," was released in May to critical and popular acclaim.

The Kingsmen Quartet, founded in 1956, has won four Dove Awards and was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of

Fame in 2000.

The quartet's Broussard appearance is part of their Fall and Winter 2008-09 tour, which will take the musicians to Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Texas, Missouri and Iowa.

The performance is open to the public.

No admission will be charged, but love offerings will be accepted, according to the Rev. Weldon Moak, pastor of the congregation.

For more information, call the church office at 337.837.1125.

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