

GET DEFENSIVE ABOUT BIKING.



Protect yourself when biking this season: wear a helmet every time you ride, don't weave in and out of traffic, and follow local laws and guidelines for riding. If you're driving, watch for bicyclists riding in the road.

We can all share the road this summer.

Ministry of Transportation enforcement officer Mike Wozniak checks the braking system of a four-axle dump truck with pup trailer in the parking lot at Memorial Arena on Thompson Road during Wednesday's truck safety blitz.

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Nearly 4 of every 10 trucks taken off road during blitz

By **STEPHANIE THIESSEN**
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Almost four out of every 10 trucks checked at a truck inspection held Wednesday in town had to be taken off the road.

"Twenty trucks were put out of service because they had mechanical defects rendering them unsafe on the road," said Jason Leeman, a transportation enforcement officer with the Ontario Ministry of

Transportation.

Despite this sounding rather scary, Mr. Leeman said the results of the inspection — held at Milton Memorial Arena on Thompson Road — were on par with what's usually found.

He stopped just short of saying the trucks were too dangerous to be on the road, instead saying they weren't fit to be in operation.

Of the 52 inspections, 20 trucks

were pulled off the road, and one driver was prohibited from continuing due to an improper class of licence, Mr. Leeman said.

"It's a concern," he said of the results. "Our blitz produces enough results to justify us being out there for the day."

Trucks weren't allowed back on the road when their mechanical defects couldn't be fixed on

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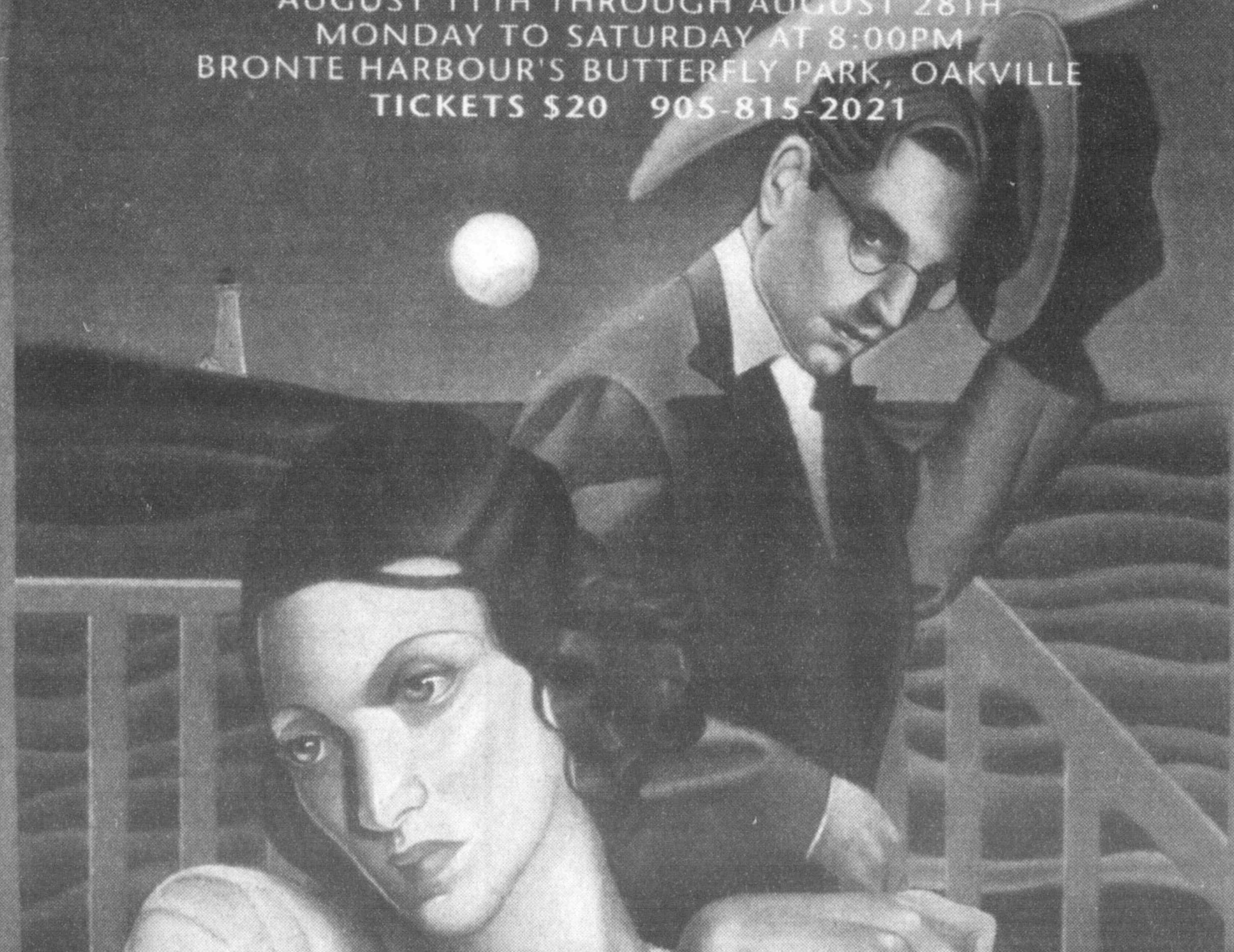
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