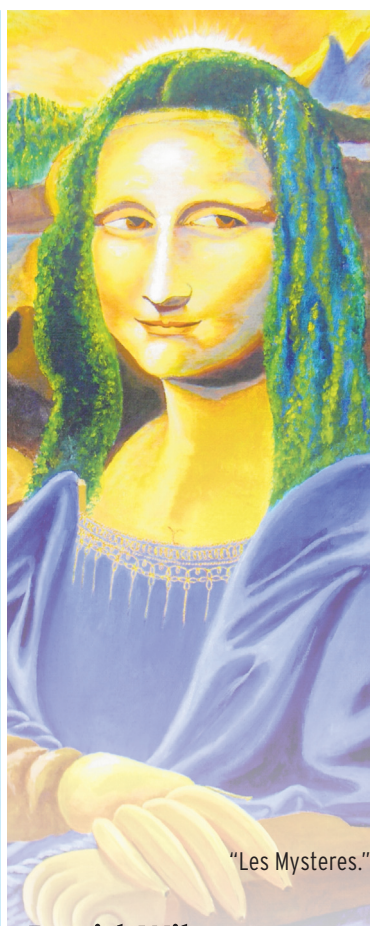


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"Les Mysteres."

**David Wilson paints  
an 'alternate reality'  
where objects are  
more than they seem**

BY ALLISON PLITT

The paintings and sculptures of Springfield Gardens artist David Wilson are not literal interpretations of reality, but rather puzzles filled with images and metaphors that allude to history, the Bible, mythology and his own childhood on the island of Dominica in the Caribbean. To deceive the observer into perceiving what he calls "an alternative reality," Wilson said he places in each picture "juxtaposed mnemonic objects" which represent the ideas he is imagining.

For example, Wilson admits he's had a fascination with Leonardo DaVinci's "Mona Lisa" ever since he was a boy. He has painted his own interpretation of this masterpiece that can bewilder and amuse the viewer at the same time.

"I discovered hidden images in the Mona Lisa that haven't been seen by any other art historians. They've

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# Double Visions



# Double Visions

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highlighted the area but never indicated what was supposed to be seen," he explained. "If you follow the outline of her neck and chest, one can see a kitten. The shadow beneath her nose, I see a gondola and there's a river meandering in the landscape which

looks like a snake. If you look over her left shoulder, you'll see the outline of a dog."

Once Wilson discloses the pieces to the puzzle, the viewer can see the painting from a different perspective. Sometimes his placement of objects can elicit a few chuckles as in his sculpture, "Apotheosis

of Ichthus," which shows a fish caught on a line jumping out of the water creating the face of a man. Incorporating his own Catholic faith into his work, Wilson said that Christians often refer Jesus Christ to the fish symbol of Ichthus.

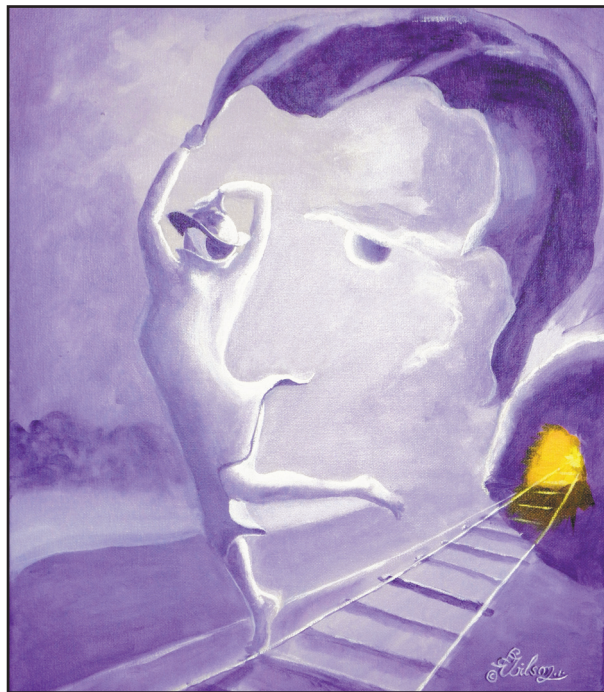
To the observer, all of these allusions can seem overwhelming, but throughout Wilson's life, he has never had an idle mind. Growing up in Dominica, he loved studying art and credits his mother, Leoma, for encouraging his

imaginative painting style of an alternative reality when she told Wilson and his brother that "Italy was kicking Sicily," referring to the nation's boot-like shape on a map.

For his studies, Wilson traveled to the United States, where he received a bachelor of arts degree at York College of the City University of New York in Jamaica. While his degree has enabled him to work as a public school teacher in Queens, Wilson has continued to paint and visit museums in New York, London and Paris for inspiration.

Besides finding opportunities for an education and a career in America, Wilson has also discovered the resources here to learn about African-American history. Some of the subject matter he has painted includes Civil War-era abolitionist Harriet Tubman, the racially segregationist Jim Crow laws and the first African-American president, Barack Obama.

Having created more than 400 pieces of artwork during the past 38 years,



"Shango leading Harriett."

Wilson, 57, is now looking for a place to exhibit his paintings and sculptures. "My house is just jam-packed with paintings," he said. "That would be the better avenue, if I could get a space where I could invite the public in and try and sell art. It may be an ambitious idea, but that's where

I would really like to focus my energies."

For more information about David Wilson, his artwork and upcoming exhibits, you can two visit websites: davidwilson.com and fineartamerica.com/profiles/david-g-wilson.html.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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By Ed Canty (Ed@gfrpuzzles.com)

### High Performances

#### Across

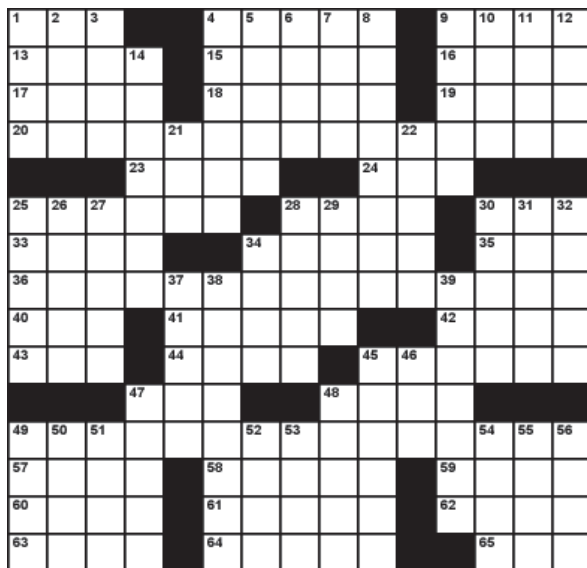
1. Christmas helper
4. \_\_\_ Rica
9. Etcher's need
13. Sub station?
15. Writer Chekhov
16. Sit for a photo
17. Dr. Pavlov
18. Mob scenes
19. Fishing need
20. High performing circus worker
23. "I love him like \_\_\_"
24. Dolly, for one
25. November sheet
28. Delhi wrap
30. Cheat
33. Cream additive
34. Big Dipper star count
35. Fish eggs
36. High performing Chicago worker
40. Egyptian boy king
41. Permanent pen resident
42. Singer Campbell
43. Numerical ending
44. Actor John
45. Shower places
47. Fireplace leftover
48. Sign in a store window
49. High performing Delta worker
57. Right-hand person
58. Dropped a line
59. Grad
60. Songbird
61. Shown on TV
62. Mom's mom
63. Egg container
64. Type of farm
65. Tax form ID

#### Down

1. Blue-pencil
2. First name in jeans
3. Ref's throw
4. Snowman's nose, perhaps

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5. Bagel choice
6. "Knock it off!"
7. Bag
8. One who gets the door
9. Mac maker
10. Pot holder?
11. Man, for one
12. Bucks
14. Breathing device
21. General on Chinese menus
22. On \_\_\_ and a prayer
25. Cookbook directive
26. Alaskan native
27. Unwilling
28. Waste conduit
29. Testify
30. Interrogate
31. Alpine call
32. Hammer parts
34. Couch
37. Partner of burn
38. Penny pincher
39. Kenyan's neighbor
45. Quick
46. Half a score
47. Go-between
48. Weasel relative
49. Babe in the woods
50. Old Italian bread
51. Middle of March
52. Met song
53. Actress Spelling
54. "Poor me!"
55. Women of habit
56. Govt. agent

### Quotable Quote

*The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.*

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on saxophones, Greg Holt on bass, and J. Curtis Warner Jr. on drums. Ms. Jeon will be performing jazz standards and original compositions from her latest CD "Mona Lisa Puzzle". Mona Lisa Puzzle won the Best Jazz Album Category in the 2009 New England Urban Music Awards and reached CD Baby's top 10 modern creative jazz albums list. Described as a "brilliant pianist" by legendary saxophonist Benny Golson, Ms. Jeon has been featured on NBC's "Weekend Today in New York", and a recent documentary special broadcast on KBN, Korea's National TV network channel.

**Cost:** \$20/\$16 Members/\$10 Students with I.D.  
**When:** Feb. 25, 8 p.m.  
**Where:** Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., Flushing  
**Contact:** 718-463-7700 x. 222  
**Web site:** [www.flushingtownhall.org](http://www.flushingtownhall.org)

**2011 Young Soloist Competition Final Round Recital** – Come hear the future of orchestral music and

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**Cost:** \$10 general admission

**When:** March 6, 4 p.m.

**Where:** Taiwan Center, 137-44 Northern Blvd., Flushing

**Contact:**

**Web site:** <http://www.queenssymphony.org>

### The Afro-Semitic Experience

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The Afro-Semitic Experience is a band that merges two cultures through an eclectic range of musical traditions, including gospel, klezmer, bebop and swing. The performance is woven through with fascinating stories about the meaning of the music, all the while delivering a positive message about relations between Blacks and Jews. Join us for a post-show talkback and Q with the artists.

**Tickets:** \$27

**When:** April 2, 8 p.m.

**Where:** Queens Theatre in the Park, Flushing Meadows Corona

## Dining Out

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dessert wines can be, and had plenty of complexity.

### The Bottom Line

Danny Brown Wine Bar & Kitchen surpasses the definition of neighborhood bistro and enters the realm of destination restaurant. It offers a sophisticated and innovative menu in a casual and

welcoming setting for diners who really care

about food and wine.

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