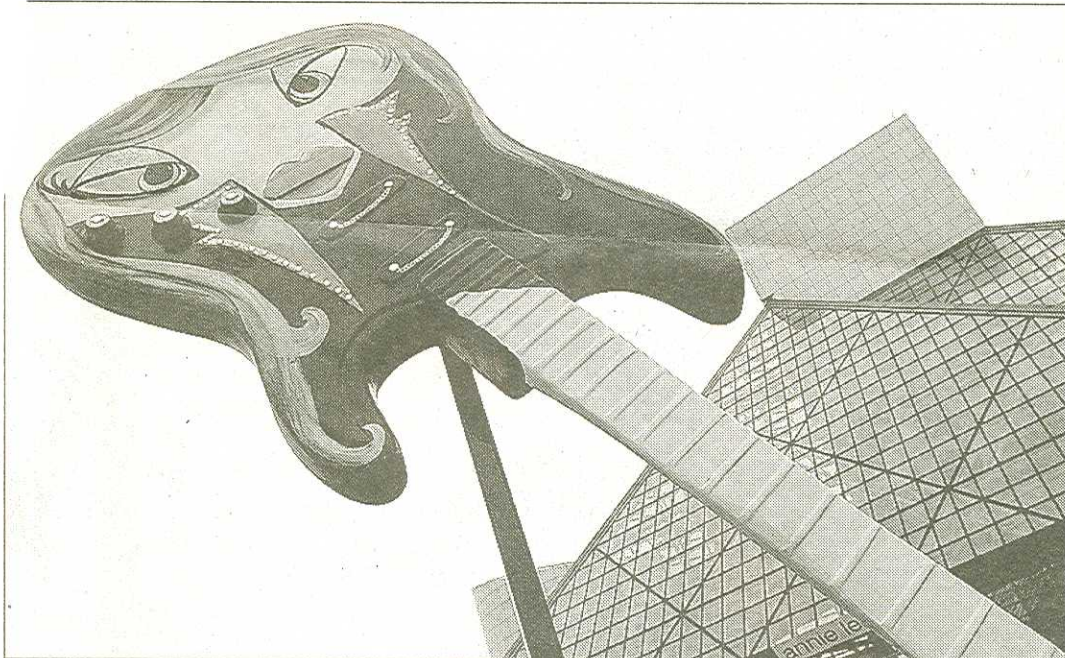


METRODIARY



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Actress Liv Tyler, daughter of Aerosmith's Steven Tyler, came up with "Dude Looks Like a Lady" for Cleveland's GuitarMania II, Encore in 2004.

Don't fret, GuitarMania is back

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Give 90 artists each a 10-foot-tall, six-string "canvas," no rules and some time, and you get a whimsical guitar army surrounding the steps of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

Promoters yesterday launched GuitarMania II, Encore in 2004, the second act of a successful public art project that raised almost \$1 million for social services two years ago.

The huge fiberglass Fender Stratocaster electric guitars are

displayed at the Rock Hall plaza.

There's the "Rocker Chopper," a tilted guitar hitched to the back of a motorcycle, and "Dragon of the Night," a sea-green-purple dragon with its horned head hung over the guitar neck. Another is decorated with 850 feather butterflies.

Stow artist Todd Volkmer created "H2O — Pipeline of Cleveland," a guitar with solar-powered rain clouds that continuously sprinkle water into an aluminum basin below a colorful downtown skyline.

"It's great for the city. It's great for the artists. It just bene-

fits everyone involved," he said.

Some of the art was done by such celebrities as songwriter Graham Nash, Bon Jovi drummer Tico Torres and Liv Tyler, actress and daughter of Aerosmith front man Steven Tyler.

On Tuesday, the guitars will be displayed throughout downtown Cleveland, returning to the Rock Hall on Labor Day weekend. They will be auctioned Nov. 6 to benefit United Way Services agencies and the Rock Hall's education fund.

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