

Bugaloo Buggy: One Of Most Expensive Cars In Hollywood

One of the more expensive cars in Hollywood is an odd-looking contraption that was designed to resemble an insect.

It's the Bugaloo Buggy, an auto designed to be used on the NBC Television Network's Saturday morning "The Bugaloos" (8:30-9 a.m.).

"We decided that the kids on the show would need a method of transportation, and since the kids have wings we decided that we'd give them a car that had wings," explain producers Sid and Marty Krofft.

The Krofft brothers asked custom car specialist George Barris to create a Bugaloo Buggy.

Barris and his team of designers started their "creation" with a visit to the stage. They chatted with the four young stars of "The Bugaloos" and asked what they'd like to have, in the way of a car, if they could have anything they wanted.

They also studied the scripts

to get the "feel" of the show, and then set out to give the Krofft brothers a car that was so fancy it is almost like another star on the show.

The Bugaloo Buggy was born two months later — at a cost of more than \$20,000.

It has wings and a taillight that glows, as well as head-lights that appear to be insect eyes. It also contains

four stereo systems with individual earphones.

Barris, who also built the famed Batmobile and the Munster Koach for television shows, said the car is perfectly safe for use on city streets, but the Kroffts, who don't want any scratches or dents on their \$20,000 "bug," won't allow it anywhere near Los Angeles freeways.

Violinist To Guest With Philharmonic

Acclaimed Soviet violinist Leonid Kogan joins Zubin Mehta and the Los Angeles Philharmonic for three festive New Year concerts December 31 (Thursday) at 8:30 p.m., January 1 (Friday) at 8:30 p.m., and January 3 (Sunday) at 3 p.m. in the Music Center Pavilion.

Mehta will conduct Chabrier's Espana, and Kogan will join the orchestra for Lalo's Symphonie Espagnole.

The rest of the program will be devoted to the music of Johann Strauss, Jr. The orchestra will play the "Gypsy Baron" Overture, the "Vienna Blood" waltz, the Emperor Waltzes, and two polkas, the titles of which Mehta will announce from the podium.

On Saturday, January 2 at 8:30 p.m. in San Diego's Civic Theatre, Mehta, Kogan.

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