

## The Mechanics Bank Supports EFO and the Celebration of the Arts

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et the Celebration begin!
The Educational Foundation of Orinda's annual Celebration of the Arts will be held on April 9, 2008 at the Orinda Intermediate School. Each of the Orinda public schools will be showcasing its student's art, instrumental music and choral music. This EFO event is made possible this year due to the generous sponsorship of Mechanics Bank.

Artists from elementary school to high school, video producers, digital photographers, painters, sculptors, and wood technicians will participate in this year's gala event, along with musicians of all ages in an all school concert! Students from the highly acclaimed Miramonte Public

Speaking class as well as the drama program will be there to showcase their talents as well.

This year marks the fifth year that Mechanics Bank has contributed to the efforts of the Educational Foundation of Orinda. The Bank's mission states, "We help people build prosperous communities as their trusted financial partner."

The mission of EFO, "Building on a tradition of strong community support for educational excellence in Orinda's schools." complements the Bank's mission. The collaboration between the bank and EFO helps to build prosperous communities through a commitment to education, and we are proud of the part we've

played in contributing to the educational goals and dreams of the youth of Orinda.

Start the evening in the OIS Multipurpose room with music by the OIS Jazz Band while enjoying the art show at 6:30, and then stroll to the Isola Gym for an all school instrumental music and choral program which will begin at 7:00. At 8 pm, the celebration continues in the multipurpose room. Admission is free, so please come and enjoy the creative efforts of our students as they explore their interests and talents at this wonderful community event.