



RHEEM Theater
350 Park Street
Moraga
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Coming Soon

12/12
THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL
with Keanu Reeves

12/19
THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX
with Dustin Hoffman and Kevin Kline

SEVEN POUNDS
with Will Smith

12/25
THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON
with Brad Pitt and Kate Blanchett

BEDTIME STORIES
with Adam Sandler

◆ **Not to be missed** ◆

Music / Theater

Lafayette Senior Services Annual Holiday Music Concert and Fund Raiser. Fri: Dec 12th 1:30 - 3:00pm. Featuring Jennifer Carne, violinist and her musical partners, the music will encompass a wide spectrum of delights from Bach to Blue Grass to Folk. RSVP 284-5050 so we can plan accordingly. Live Oak Room, Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette, CA Admission \$5 - funds raised support our Lamorinda Spirit Van Program.



Capa Holiday Nutcracker- Friday, Dec 12th - 7pm, Saturday, Dec 13th - 2pm & 7pm and Sunday Dec. 14th - 2pm. Tickets: www.capadance.net or 925-376-2454.

Back Home Again, by Dan Wheetman and Randal Myler, the creators of Fire on the Mountain and Ain't Nothin' But the Blues, plays at the Lesher Center for the Arts through December 14. It features modern and traditional holiday songs. Tickets: Available online at www.LesherARTScenter.org, by phone at 925.943.SHOW or in-person at the LCA ticket office.

"It's a Wonderful Life" adapted from the inspiring classic by Al Anderson. The show is a heart-warming production perfect for family audiences. It's the story of George Bailey, a man who thinks he's worth more dead than alive until his guardian angel shows him that no one is a failure who has friends. Shows run from December 12th through December 21st at Del Valle Theatre at 1963 Tice Valley Blvd Walnut Creek. Discounts for groups of 8 or more, youth, and seniors. Tickets: 925-943-7469. For more information, go to www.ccchristiantheatre.org

Lafayette's Town Hall Theater's presents Miracle on 34th Street through Dec. 28th. Contact the Town Hall Theatre Company Box Office for exact dates and times. 925-283-1557

◆ **Not to be missed** ◆

www.thct.org. See story on page 7

Erika Henningsen as the Velvetene Rabbit and Kathryn G. McCarty as the Skin Horse in the Galatean Players Ensemble Theatre 14th Year Anniversary production of the popular children's musical Whiskers! (an adaptation of Margery Williams' classic "The Velvetene Rabbit") by Caroline Altman playing at the Lesher Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, Dec. 13-20. For tickets, call (925) 943-SHOW(7469)

North Pole Review - Fratello Puppets -Wednesday, December 17th, 4 p.m. Looking for a unique way to celebrate the holiday season? Join the fun with our puppet extravaganza, the North Pole Review, showcasing our frosty juggling penguin and Brazilian ice skating snowman. Featuring the Hawaiian singing sensation, the Hi-Fi Sisters. Moraga Library. Free.

Come enjoy a pre-Christmas Concert-in-the-hills presenting Slavyanka male Russian chorus. The repertoire is drawn mostly from Russian sources: Orthodox liturgical, Russian and other slavic folk and composed music. It includes compositions by Mussorgsky, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov, and a host of less well-known purveyors of the Slavic soul in song. Santa Maria Church, Orinda. Sunday, December 21st at 3 pm. Tickets available at the door.

Christmas Carol singing on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, St. Anselm's Church, 682 Michael Lane, Lafayette. Free.

Art

Last weekend to see "The Second Golden Age of Dutch Art" at the Hearst Gallery at Saint Mary's College. View 19th Century Dutch Paintings from the Beekhuis Collection through Dec. 14th. Paintings by more than sixty artists represent a broad range of styles and subject matter, including cityscapes, landscapes, seascapes, still lifes, portraits, and interiors. The exhibition is comprised of three main groupings: Dutch Romanticism, The Hague School and Dutch Impressionism. Exhibition Admission: \$3; Gallery Hours: Wed -Sun, 11 am - 4:30 pm, 925.631.4379, www.hearstart-gallery.org.

The Lafayette Gallery is celebrating the holidays with "Lightly Seasoned: Fine Art with a Dash of Holiday Spirit." Through Dec 24th. The gallery member artists are displaying original fine art, paintings, prints, watercolors, photography, jewelry and ceramics. Art is a perfect gift for the holiday season that can be cherished for many a season to come. Gallery Hours: 11 - 5 pm Tuesday

- Saturday, 50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. 925-284-2788.

The Moraga Art Gallery presents "Celebrate" - through January 4th. The Gallery is doubly featuring the work of 2 artists: Terri Durkovic, a jewelry designer following a life-long passion for creating wearable art. She is constantly collecting semi precious stones, pearls, shells, wood beads and precious metals to include in her designs. Natalia Udaltsova is a painter and artist who loves life and people, and this is reflected in her paintings. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St., Rheem Valley Shopping Center/ next to Longs Drugs Moraga. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm, 925.376.5407.

Lectures & Literature

Dr. Jay Sordean will talk about Natural Solutions to Depression at Orinda Library Fireside Chat on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7 pm. This time of year often brings up feelings of sadness and depression. If you are unhappily familiar with this problem and you don't want to resort to prescription drugs, Dr. Sordean will discuss natural solutions. He has thirty years of clinical experience in the field of natural medicine, including acupuncture, oriental medicine, homeopathy and the use of herbs. Free. Orinda Library is at 26 Orinda Way in Orinda. For more information, please call (925) 254-2184 or visit http://ccclib.org.

Orinda's own Wayne Miller will discuss and sign copies of the new collection of his work, Wayne F. Miller Photographs: 1942-1958. Saturday, December 13 at 3pm. Orinda Books. 276 Village Square, Orinda, 925-254-7606. www.orindabooks.com.

Holiday Events

Live Nativity Scene - See the Christmas story come to life! The



MVPC courtyard will be transformed into a Bethlehem manger. December 12 & 13 6-8:30pm on the Courtyard - Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, 10 Moraga Valley Lane in Moraga.

The Lafayette United Methodist Church presents The Bethlehem Experience - December 12, 13, & 14, 5:30pm to 8:00pm. Tour Guides lead groups of about ten people through the marketplace of Bethlehem on the night of the Messiah's birth, ending at the manger scene complete with live animals. The Bethlehem Experience is a feast for the senses: the

smell of exotic spices, the festive sound of Jewish music, the sight of robed and sandaled merchants in their stalls, the taste of freshly baked unleavened bread, and the soft feel of flaxen "swaddling clothes". The Bethlehem Experience is a gift to the community from the Lafayette United Methodist Church, 955 Moraga Boulevard, Lafayette. Tours begin every ten minutes and are approximately one-hour long. For questions call 925/284-4765, or go to www.thelumc.org.

Breakfast with Santa - Saturday, Dec 13th: Pre-registration required: 2 seatings: 8:30 am (Doors open at 8:15 am) and 10:00 am (Doors open at 10:00am) Please specify when registering. Hacienda de las Flores- 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga \$7 adult / \$5 children (12 & under) (925) 888-7045 www.moraga.ca.us.

Other

Downtown Walnut Creek on Ice welcomes skaters from the Dublin Dazzlers and Dublin Dolls Synchronized Ice Skating Teams every Wednesday night! These skaters will perform solo, duet, and team routines throughout the season at 7pm. The performances will take place on December 17, & January 7, 14, & 21. The open air ice rink is open on November 13 through January 25, 2009. For additional details, visit www.IceSkateWalnutCreek.com or call 925.935.SNOW (7669).

Winter Solstice Hike Sunday, December 21, 2008 2pm- 5pm Discover the reason for the seasons, beginning with a lively indoor activity led by a Chabot astronomer, which includes a solstice craft to take home with you. Then step outside and stroll among the salamanders, slugs, and dewy redwoods with a naturalist-led walk to observe the solstice and its effects on native life. After the hike, explore the interactive, hands-on exhibits at Chabot Space & Science Center. To register, contact East Bay Regional Parks District at 1-888-EB-PARKS (1-888-327-2757) Cost \$5-\$7, depending on residency.

FREE Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Recycling Events in Contra Costa County (866) 335-3373 http://www.NoEwaste.com/ Saturday, January 3rd from 9:00am - 1:00pm Diablo Valley College, Overflow Parking Lot 7. 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill.

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