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THEATER

Cal Shakes presents "Romeo and Juliet" by William Shakespeare and directed by Jonathan Moscone, through Jun 21. Shakespeare's passionate tale of young lovers caught in a dangerous and threatening world. For details see: <http://www.calshakes.org>

Town Hall Theatre Company presents the world premiere of the musical comedy, *One Night at the Hotel Grand*, the latest work by award winning author and actor, Joel Roster, through June 27. Contact the Town Hall Theatre Company Box Office for exact dates and times. Rating - PG. Town Hall Theatre Company, 3535 School Street, Moraga Road, Lafayette. For Tickets call 925-283-1557 or visit www.townhalltheatre.com.

Diablo Actors' Ensemble presents Neil Simon's comedy, "The Prisoner of Second Avenue", through June 27. WHERE: Diablo Actors' Ensemble Theatre, 1345 Locust Street, Walnut Creek. TICKETS: \$10 - 25. PUBLIC INFO: 925-482-5110, www.diabloactors.com.

Orinda Starlight Village Players present Agatha Christie's "Spider's Web" through June 27, Fridays & Saturdays, at 8:30PM; Sunday, June 14th at 4PM; and Thursday, June 25th at 8PM. No reservations needed. Tickets are always available at the box office adjacent to the theater which opens a half hour before show time. Adult \$15, \$35 for three plays; senior/student \$7.50, \$21 for three plays; group rates are available. The Orinda Community Center outside Amphitheater is located across the street from Rite Aid and the Orinda Post Office at 26 Orinda Way: Telephone (925)254-5530.



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The Orinda Theatre is under new management.
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Not to be missed

MUSIC

Orinda Library's Summer Music Series: Wednesday, June 24, 7 p.m. will feature Hawaiian Slack Key guitarist Tim Fuller. A gifted composer, Fuller will delight audiences with his own pieces as well as many island classics. A Santa Cruz native, Fuller mastered many styles of electric guitar including jazz, rock n' roll and country, but he found his musical voice when he began to study slack key guitar or ki ho'alu. The programs is free of charge and take place inside the library, beside the fireplace. The Orinda Library is at 26 Orinda Way in Orinda. For more information, please call (925) 254-2184 or visit the library website at <http://ccclib.org>.

The First Annual Summer Jazz Banjo Festival, Sunday, June 14, Noon to 4 p.m., Soda Activity Center, Saint Mary's College, Moraga. For info: SummerJazzBanjoFestival.com.

Orinda Concerts-in-the-Park - Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Orinda Community Center Park. Bring a picnic and enjoy the free music! June 23rd, The Dave Crimmen Band (Rock-a-Billy), June 30th Juke Joint(Rhythm & Blues).

Orinda Theater Square Summer Music Series every other Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. June 11th and 25th, 747 Express featuring Ed McClary and Michael Hatfield.

Summer concert series at the Moraga Commons, 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. June 11 Stone Soup - a local band playing Rock & Roll; June 18 La Ventana - Latin Rock.

ART

Saturday Artists Markets Open at The Lafayette Gallery: The public is invited to the Lafayette Gallery's Artist Markets, 50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette, California. The colorful markets are held on June 13th, July 11th and August 8th. All Artists Markets are held from 11 to 5 pm on Saturdays. On those four Saturdays, the parking lot of the Lafayette Gallery is transformed into an inviting outdoor market place with artists displaying and demonstrating their art.

The Hearst Art Gallery's exhibition- Sacred Mountain: Images of Mt. Diablo and Mt. Fuji, on view through July 3rd. Uncounted artists have been drawn to both of these mountains, sometimes because of their sheer beauty, other times to inspire and energize historical, spiritual or environmental messages. Julie Armistead, guest curator and Hearst Art Gallery Registrar/Collections Manager, has selected approximately 90 works that date from contemporary pieces of both Fuji and Diablo to works from more than 150 years ago.

Not to be missed

Exhibition hours: Wednesdays through Sundays, 11 am until 4:30 pm. Admission: \$3 adult; children 12 and under free; free parking. Web site: <http://gallery.stmarys-ca.edu>. Tel: 925-631-4379.

The Moraga Art Gallery presents a new group show "Transparent Emotion" featuring the work of Monet Foster and introducing new members, through August 15th. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center- next to Longs Drugs. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm. 925.376.5407. www.moragaartgallery.com.



"Feathers, Fur and Fins," the new exhibition at the Lafayette Gallery, honors the creatures large and small that enrich our lives. The show is open from June 1 to August 15th. As a special feature during the show, the community is invited to bring in pet photos and related quips to be posted on the gallery's bulletin board. On Sat. July 11th, an animal caricature artist will be available to draw your beloved pet. On Sat. August 8th, a drawing will take place for bulletin board entrants. Two winners may choose a portrait of their pet as a prize. During the exhibition, a portion of the gallery sales will be donated to the Animal Rescue Foundation. Gallery Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 11am to 5pm- 50 Lafayette Circle in downtown Lafayette.

East Bay Women Artists, Art Exhibit at the Orinda Library. "Summer Show" with original paintings, photography and baskets through June 29. This exhibit is free, open to the public and wheelchair accessible to all. Orinda Library, 24 Orinda Way in Orinda; Hours: Monday - Thursday 10am-8pm; Friday and Saturday 10 am -6pm, Sunday 1-5pm Info: 510/531 1404. EBWA is a 20-year old art group comprised of award-winning artists from Contra Costa and Alameda Counties.

Phil Simon will be exhibiting his original oil paintings at Fastframe of Lafayette through June 30, 2009. Phil enjoys painting contemporary landscapes and he compares his painting process to being an improvisational jazz musician. He considers his work successful if it aspires toward and approaches music. "If the viewer feels a sense of something musical in the air

when looking at one of my pieces, then I think I've done my job." Fastframe is located at 3571 Mt. Diablo Blvd., next to Postino's. Call owner Anthony Ruiz at 283-7620 for more information.

LITERATURE & LECTURES

On Tuesday, June 16th, Sustainable Lafayette will host a 90 minute workshop on how to "Get Water Smart". Water is one of the World's most precious resources, but the average American uses 176 gallons per day. Susan Handjian from EBMUD, an expert in horticulture, will give special focus to using mulch, irrigation scheduling, and drought-resistant plants to significantly reduce outdoor watering. Acalanes student Blake Marggraff will share what he's learned from conducting water audits and installing water saving devices at the homes of Lafayette residents for his Eagle Scout service project. WHEN: Tuesday, June 16th from 7-8:30pm WHERE: Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Rooms 217 & 218), 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette RSVP: to greg@sustainablelafayette.net.

Sweet Thursdays will feature writer Sophia Raday who will discuss her new book, *Love in Condition Yellow* A resident of Berkeley, Raday has written a funny and moving memoir on an unlikely marriage. Her husband is a soldier/police officer and she's a self-proclaimed peace-loving activist. Sophia's work has appeared in various anthologies, on-line magazines and the New York Times. www.sophiaraday.com. DATE: Thursday, June 18th. TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: The Lafayette Library, 952 Moraga Rd., Lafayette.

Wednesday, June 17, 7-8 p.m., the Orinda Library invites audiences to a talk by a trained docent on Berkeley Repertory Theatre's new production, "You, Nero." Written by local writer Amy Freed, "You, Nero" is a comic take on the decadence of the Roman emperor, who doesn't just fiddle as the city burns, but orders his scribe to create an extravaganza flattering to his regime. The program will take place in the Gallery Room of the library. Free of charge. The Orinda Library, is at 26 Orinda Way in Orinda. For more information, please call (925) 254-2184 or visit the library website ccclib.org.

Lisa See, author of "Snowflower" and "The Secret Fan" and "Peony in Love", will join the Lafayette Book Store for the launch of her latest and eagerly-awaited novel. "Shanghai Girls" tells the story of two sisters who leave Shanghai to find new lives in 1930's Los Angeles. Booklist says, "the sisters are tenaciously devoted to each other, though time and events will strain this loyalty nearly to the point of destruction. This event will take place at Stanley Intermediate

School on Friday June 12 at 2:00 in the afternoon. There will be a \$10 suggested donation to benefit the Friends of the Lafayette Library. www.lisasee.com.

Dr. Elliot Wagner, board-certified acupuncturist and herbalist in practice for 25 years, will speak on the benefits of acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine and other wellness methods for treating pain including headaches and migraines, back pain and sciatica, post-surgical pain etc. Tuesday June 16, 7 p.m at the Moraga Library.

KIDS, TEENS & PARENTS

Ready, Set, RACE! Father's Day Solar Car Challenge- Sunday, June 21 (1pm - 3pm OR 3pm - 5pm) What better way to celebrate Father's Day than to build your very own solar car with that special guy? Round up your dad, brother, uncle, cousin or neighbor and sign up for this fun special event. Work together in teams to design, build and race Solar Lego® cars. Rain or shine, come and see how fast, tall and creative you can make your car. \$5 plus General Admission To register and purchase advanced tickets, call (510) 336-7373 Online tickets www.chabotspace.org General Admission (includes planetarium and theater show) Adult \$14.95/Youth (3 - 12) \$10.95/Members Free.

OTHER

Diablo Trail Endurance Ride 30/50 - AHA Region 3 Championship and AERC Sanctioned. On Saturday, June 27 Save Mount Diablo offers its first recreational opportunity for equestrians. The Diablo Trail Endurance Ride offers a 30 mile limited distance and 50 mile endurance ride that starts and finishes at Castle Rock Park in Walnut Creek. The course is challenging and offers steep climbs, descents and creek crossings. Website: www.savemountdiablo.org for more information or to register.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

The United Democratic Campaign of Contra Costa County announces the grand opening of a new round year office on Sat. June 13, 2009, 11am - 2pm at 2737 Clayton Road, Concord, across from the Concord Bart station. The new office will be the hub of activity for campaigns, community service events, meetings & celebrations. The UDC is a PAC chartered by the Democratic Party. This office will help us reach out to the community year round & be a focal point to support the changes that still needed to be made. Given the California financial crisis, we see more people needing a place to get involved Politically. For more info or RSVP, please visit www.Barack-Obama.com for posted events or call Chuck Carpenter at 925-435-5428.

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