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THEATRE

Theater 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 at Moraga Road in Lafayette. For Tickets call 925-283-1557 or visit www.townhalltheatre.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.

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.




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THE PROPOSAL

The Orinda Theatre is under new management.
 Please visit the new owners' website at: www.rheemtheatre.com

Not to be missed

MUSIC

Summer concert series - join your neighbors on Thursday evenings at the Moraga Commons Park for a relaxing free concert in the park. Bring your picnic blanket or lawn chairs to the grassy hillside in front of the band shell. Enjoy the music while your children enjoy the park. The volunteers of the Moraga Park and Recreation Foundation will even cook dinner for you with the Snack Bar opening at 6:00 pm. Concerts start at 6:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm : June 25, Big Rain(R&R); July 4, Larry Lynch & the Mob (R&R) at 7:00 PM; July 9, The Houserockers(R&R).

Orinda Theater Square Summer Music Series



Every other Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. July 9th-Surefire featuring Bob Athayde and Friends.

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 30th, Juke Joint (Rhythm & Blues); July 7th, Mixed Nuts (Rock, Disco, Blues, Oldies).

The Cattlemen's Rock & Country Fest is coming to the Bankhead Theater in Downtown Livermore, on Saturday, June 27 at 7:00pm. The benefit concert features Tom Russell, Paul Tolle and the Dead Man Band, and a Livermore local Lisa Marie, The Rockstar Cowgirl. Tickets are priced at \$45; all proceeds benefit the Contra Costa-Alameda County Cattlemen's Association. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. The ticket office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800, or visit www.bankheadtheater.org.

Preview the **2009 Orinda Idol Finalists** at the Lafayette Market July 18th at 12:15 pm.

ART

The Hearst Art Gallery's exhibition- Sacred Mountain: Images of Mt. Diablo and Mt. Fuji, on

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view through July 3. 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. 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.

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.

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 through August 15th. As a special feature during the show, the community is invited to bring in pet photos and related

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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. 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.

Peace & Cake - a summer art exhibit sponsored by CA14.

Artists interpreted the theme to create a piece for the show using the media of choice. Expect to see a variety of 2 and 3D works. CA14 is a group of Contra Costa artists producing gallery exhibits and supporting each other creatively through critique, education and camaraderie. For more information about the organization visit www.cc14.us When: Opening reception is Thursday, July 2, 7-9pm. Show opens 6/29/09 and closes 7/23/09 Gallery hours are M-W, 11am-5pm and Thursday 11am - 8pm. Location: Diablo Valley College Art Gallery, Pleasant Hill Campus, 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill. (925) 685-1230. Admission: Free

Bedford Gallery's exhibition Full Deck presents an anthology of skate art from the 1960's to the present and will run July 5—September 13. Over 300 decks borrowed from artists, skaters, and makers from across the country, will be on display. Opening Reception/Book Signing Thursday, July 9, 6:00-8:00 pm. Meet Sean Cliver, author of The Disposable Skateboard Bible, and other skate culture celebs. Telephone: 925/295-1417. Website: www.bedfordgallery.org Admission: General \$5; Youth (17 and under) \$3; Children 12 and under, free; Tuesdays free, closed on Sundays.

Annual Plein Air-Paintout July 13-18, Free, Frank Bette Center for the Arts, 1601 Paru Street, Alameda CA 94501, 510-523-6957. Contact Debra Owen. www.frankbettecenter.org. Wed-Sat. 11-7, Sunday 11-5.

LITERATURE AND LECTURES

Book Club Mixer at The Lafayette Book Store, Thursday, June 25th, 7-9:00pm with over a dozen authors in attendance (including Gail Tsukiyama, Michelle Richmond, Tess Uriza Holthe, and more), wine and appetizers, a

trivia contest, a raffle to win books and/or a Lafayette Book Store t-shirt, and of course the camaraderie of hanging out with lots of fellow book club aficionados. Please RSVP to the store, 284-1233 by phone, or by email at mail@lafayettebookstore.com. Lafayette Book Store, 3569 Mt. Diablo Blvd (next to Postino Restaurant).

The Commonwealth Club in the East Bay: California Parched: The Future of Water Policy in California, Thursday, June 25. As California endures a years-long drought, what's being done to address the state's water issues? Location: Veterans Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Time: 5:30 p.m. check-in, 6:30 p.m. program. Cost: \$12 members, \$18 non-members, \$7 students (with valid ID). For tickets go to www.commonwealthclub.org or call 415-597-6705.

Book Talks at Knoxx. Come join the Lafayette Book Store on Thursday, July 2nd from 4-5:30 at Knoxx Restaurant, 3576 Mt. Diablo Blvd. and hear Dave and Linda present their favorite recent reads (ask Dave about his experience reading Huston Smith's autobiography Tales of Wonder). As always it's a free event with a sampling of Knoxx appetizers provided and drinks available for purchase. We do appreciate (but don't require) RSVP's at the store at 284-1233 or by email to mail@lafayettebookstore.com.

The Commonwealth Club in the East Bay: Single Women of a Certain Age, with Jane Ganahl and Friends. A panel of lit wits and contributors explains how flying solo can be fabulous. Thursday, July 9. Location: Veterans Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Time: 5:30 p.m. check-in, 6:30 p.m. program. Cost: \$12 members, \$18 non-members, \$7 students. For tickets go to www.commonwealthclub.org or call 415-597-6705.

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

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