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

Not to be missed

to 5pm, 50 Lafayette Circle in downtown Lafayette.

Bedford Gallery's exhibition Full Deck presents an anthology of skate art from the 1960's to the present and will run through Sept. 13. Over 300 decks borrowed from artists, skaters, and makers from across the country, will be on display. EVENT: Bg Skate Day, Saturday, August 15, 1-4pm. Art activities in the gallery 1-3pm; Pro skate demo 3-4pm. Free admission. Telephone: (925) 295-1417. Website: www.bedfordgallery.org Admission: General \$5; Youth (17 and under) \$3; Children 12 and under, free; Tuesdays free.

Susan Paulson will be exhibiting her original paintings during the month of August at Fastframe of Lafayette. Paulson, who grew up in Orinda and whose mother was an art teacher, is a mostly self-taught artist. She studied interior design at Western Design in SF and became an interior designer, which she credits for keeping her in a creative environment working with colors and textures. Last year Paulson studied art in Paris and was inspired, much like the impressionists, by the natural light in France. FASTFRAME is located at 3571 Mt. Diablo Blvd., next to Postino's. Call owner Anthony Ruiz at 283-7620 for more information.

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"California in Relief: A History in Wood and Linocut Prints" is on view through Sunday, Sept. 20, and features nearly 100 works of art spanning 100 years of California art history. The exhibition is curated by Art Hazelwood, who also curated the highly praised 2002 William Wolff retrospective, "Masquerade and Revelation." Public Hours: Wed - Sun, 11 AM - 4:30 PM. Admission: \$3 adults; kids 17 and under free; Gallery members free. Gallery Telephone: (925) 631-4379. Website: hearstartgallery.org.

Award-winning watercolor artist George Ehrenhaft will display 30 paintings at the Orinda Library Gallery during the month of August. See article page 7.

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. August 6 Motor Dude Zydeco - Cajun. August 13 littedog2 - a local band playing R&R. August 20 Dave Crimmen - Rockabilly.

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Diablo Boulevard and Moraga Road. The headliners start at 6:00pm and are presented free of charge. Arrive a little early for a good spot on the lawn and a chance to hear the opening "teen" bands. Here is this year's line-up...

August 14: Total Eclipse-vocal heavy tunes from the 70s and 80s- www.totaleclipseband.com

August 21: The Spazmatics -due to popular demand, we're bringing back the geeks- www.sfbands.net/Spazmatics.htm

August 28: The Synthetics - popular & danceable covers- www.thesyntheticsband.com

THEATRE

D.V.C: Department of Drama Announces Auditions August 26-28 for its Production of URINETOWN. Director: Ryan Mark Weible "One of the most uproariously funny musicals in recent years, URINETOWN is a hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold."

Orinda Starlight Village Players presents "Cyrano de Bergerac", the classic story of a man who believes his oversized nose makes him unworthy of love, especially Roxanne's. When he uses his poetic words to help another man win her love, the twists and turns make for a poignant, humorous tale. Friday and Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. through August 15th, matinee on Sunday, August 9th at 4:00 p.m. and one Thursday performance on August 13th at 8:00 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner, a camp chair or cushion, and layered clothing to be comfortable under the stars. Tickets are \$15 for regular admission and \$7.50 for seniors/students. Call (925) 253-1101 or email info@orsvp.org. The theater is located in the Orinda Community Center Park, 26 Orinda Way.

Contra Costa Christian Theatre will be presenting Willy Wonka for one weekend only, Aug 7th and 8th at the DVC Performing Arts Center. This performance by CCCT's teen summer conservatory is directed by Steve Kinsella, from the Kinsella Theatre Group in Brentwood and choreographed by Shelly McDowell. Show Details: Performances: August 7 & 8 at 7:30pm, August 8 at 2pm, Place: DVC Performing Arts Center, 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill. Tickets \$15. For more information & to pre-purchase tickets: www.cchristiantheatre.org.

Cal Shakes presents Samuel Beckett's "Happy Days" August 12- Sept 6th. We are all alone in the face of death, and all alone in the face of life—how can this stark truth be funny? But in Samuel Beckett's brilliant hands it is, as you'll find out when you see Cal Shakes' production of Happy Days. Artistic Director Jonathon Moscone brings the work of the Nobel Prize-winning Beckett to the Bruns stage for the very first time with this astounding portrait of a woman buried up to her waist in sand, and in the comically painful toil of her life. Bruns Amphitheater: 100 Gateway Blvd., Orinda. Box office: (510) 548-9666 or www.calshakes.org.

ART

The last Saturday Artists' Market of the summer will be on Sat, Aug. 8th from 11am-4pm at The Lafayette Gallery, 50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette, California. The parking lot of the Lafayette Gallery is transformed into an inviting outdoor market place with artists displaying and demonstrating their art.

The Moraga Art Gallery presents a 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," at the Lafayette Gallery, honors the creatures large and small that enrich our lives. The show is open through August 22nd. 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. August 8th, a drawing will take place for bulletin board entrants. Two winners may choose a portrait of their pet as a prize. Gallery Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 11am

The Moraga Art Gallery presents a new group show, "Bold Statements" by local Bay Area and Lamorinda artists showing watercolors, oil painting, collage, ceramics, photography, mixed media, jewelry and glass design. August 18 - October 31. The Gallery is doubly featuring the work of Angelica Samame, painter and jewelry designs by Laura Paige. The public is invited to the Opening Reception on Saturday, August 22, from 3-5 pm. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center/next to Longs Drugs. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm. (925) 376-5407.

Friday, August 7th The Lafayette Summer Music Workshop will be hosting non-stop music being performed from 3:30pm - 9:00pm at Stanley Middle School. The annual jazz camp sponsored by Generations in Jazz features bands made up of this year's attendees. For more information visit www.lafayettechamber.org or call (925) 284-7404.

San Francisco Opera Guild, East Bay Chapter Presents: Meet the Maestro! Sunday, August 30th, 5:30 p.m. at the Veteran's Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Boulevard in Lafayette. Chapter members and the general public are invited to meet Maestro Nicola Luisotti, the new Musical Director of the San Francisco Opera. Maestro Luisotti will be interviewed by David Gockley, San Francisco Opera General Director. After the interview our audience will be invited to ask questions. Hors d'oeuvres, wine and other beverages will be served. Cost: \$45 (approx. \$30 tax deductible) All proceeds benefit the San Francisco Opera's education programs for students K-12 and to help promote the careers of aspiring young singers. Information: Silvia Lin, (925) 838-9255 or LLLLL@juno.com.

"Maids & Matrons", a new comedy by Kathryn G. McCarty will open at the Leshner Arts Center August 19th. "Kathy's plays use comedy to explore sensitive political and social issues," said Director Clay David. "It's a screwball comedy, slapstick at times, about a dysfunctional family's preparation for the biggest wedding of the season. From start to finish, it's a catastrophe, but the family pull together to get past all obstacles. August 19 - 21, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 8:15, Sunday at 2:15. Leshner Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek. FOR TICKETS CALL: (925) 943-SHOW. WEBSITE: Galateaplayers.com.

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The 'Rock the Plaza' series will take place in Lafayette's [Elam & Margaret Brown] Plaza Park at the corner of Mt.

Woodminster Summer Musicals presents "Singin' In the Rain" as the second show of their 43rd season in Joaquin Miller Park. A cast of over 40 tap-dancers up a storm. Performed under the stars in historic Woodminster Amphitheater in beautiful Joaquin

Orinda Theology Group. A new theology discussion group has been formed by members of the Orinda Community Church. We select books of interest to the group members and meet once a month to share insights from our reading. We wish to invite anyone interested to join us every third Tuesday of the month, at 7p in the library of the church hall at 10 Irwin Way. We have taken the summer off but will reconvene Tuesday, Sept 15 at 7pm. The book currently under study is Deepak Chopra's "The Third Jesus" which may be purchased at Orinda Books. Mention "Orinda Theologians" to get a discount there. If you have any questions, contact Orinda Community Church office at (925) 254-4906.

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