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shapes, colors, and mood he finds at a particular time and place. The exhibition runs from August 1st to 31st and is sponsored by the Orinda Arts Council.

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.

phone: (925)631-4379. Website: hearstartgallery.org.

Martinez Gallery of artwork done by students of the "Green Youth Project", a new arts program at Juvenile Hall. Karan Simoni is the Director of the program and is enthusiastic about her students work. Making use of dumpster diverted items to promote self awareness and healing has brought about some positive changes and generated new perspectives in the youth involved in the program. The exhibit runs from September 14 through the 21st. There will be a reception at the GALLERY on September 18th from 6pm to 9pm. 630 Court Street, Martinez. 925 370-6270. M-F 9-3, Sat. 9-1.

Leslie Swartz, a member of the Moraga Art Gallery, and Moraga resident, will have a display of her paintings and drawings at the Moraga Library during the entire month of September. The theme for her show is 'A Celebration of Diversity'. Working with a variety of media--including oils, acrylics, graphite, pen, and pastel--Leslie draws inspiration for her productions from observations of nature, the photographs she has taken on visits to various destinations, and from her imagination.

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.

MUSIC

August 20, Dave Crimmen (Rockabilly) - The last of the Moraga Summer Concert series, Thursday evening at the Moraga Commons 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. Snack Bar opening at 6:00 pm. Concerts start at 6:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm.

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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. 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 LLLL@juno.com.

Young People's Symphony Orchestra (YPSO) holds auditions for new members August 26, September 1 and 3 for the 2009-2010 season. Auditions are held at Crowden Music Center, Rose St. at Sacramento St. in Berkeley, 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., by appointment. Candidates should prepare a scale and a solo, and will be asked to sight-read standard repertoire which is provided at the audition. YPSO is the oldest youth orchestra in California and the second oldest in the nation. The orchestra is comprised of 94 youths ages 11-22 who come from 28 Bay Area cities in five counties. Rehearsals are Mondays, 6:00-9:30 p.m., September through June, at Crowden Music Center. The season will end with a June tour to Alaska. For an appointment, visit www.ypsomusic.net, email ypsomusic@yahoo.com.

The 'Rock the Plaza' series will



Rock the Plaza with Total Eclipse

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

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.

On Tuesday, August 25 at 7 p.m., the final offering of the Summer Music Series at the Orinda Library is a lively change: The Real Placebos. This popular local group plays American Roots Music, which in-

cludes everything from acoustic blues to old time standards that originated in the deep south. The program will take place inside the library, beside the fireplace, which allows for a casual, intimate atmosphere. It is free of charge and will last about an hour. 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.

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.

Rosie the Riveter & the "Homefront Soldiers" of WW2 are the subjects of The World Premiere Musical RIVETS by Kathryn G. McCarty (libretto/lyrics) and Mitchell Covington (music), on the SS Red Oak Victory at the site of the historic Kaiser Richmond Shipyards. Produced by Galatean Players Ensemble Theatre. WHERE: Onboard the SS Red Oak Victory, 1337 Canal Blvd., Berth 6A, Richmond. www.ssredoakvictory.org. WHEN: August 28 - Sept. 27. Box Office (925) 676-5705 www.galateanplayers.com.

Cal Shakes presents Samuel Beckett's "Happy Days" August 12-Sept 6th. 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.

Town Hall Theatre begins its new season with a comedic powerhouse: Yasmina Reza's 'ART' September 3 - October 3. Described as a marriage between Moliere and Woody Allen, this play asks the big questions: what is art, and why does it matter? Written by the 2009 Tony Award-winning playwright, Yasmina Reza, 'Art' has garnered much praise since it was first performed in 1994. In 1998 'Art' earned Reza a Lawrence Olivier Award and a Tony Award for best comedy. For Tickets: (925) 283-1557 or online at www.TownHallTheatre.com.

ART

Lafayette Gallery's new show, "Ten Years Together," runs from August 4th to October 10th. Since opening its doors to the public in 1999, the Lafayette Gallery has presented over sixty-five art exhibitions, each with a different theme. The founding members envisioned a gallery that would support art and artists. The Gallery features work in oil, acrylic and watercolor painting, pastels, printmaking, mixed media, collage, sculpture, pottery, woodworking, glass and jewelry. The new show will pair recent work with earlier

work by the member artists. Gallery hours: Tuesday - Saturday; 11AM to 5pm. (925) 284-2788, www.Lafayettegallery.net.

Award-winning watercolor artist George Ehrenhaft will display 30 paintings at the Orinda Library Gallery during the month of August. The selection of landscape paintings includes several close-to-home sites such as Lafayette Reservoir, Moraga Ranch, Tilden Regional Park, and Mount Diablo, among others. Ehrenhaft, a resident of Moraga, prefers to paint plein-air rather than from photos in order to convey the

"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 Tele-

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