

# “Once on This Island, Jr.” Returns at OIS

Submitted by Wendy Bond



OIS "Once on This Island" cast, back row from left: Alex Shandalov, Helen Radoff, Lauren Bond, Clare Riley, Olivia Bohuslav, Will Barber. Middle: Amanda Han, Julia Bond, Ava Killbourn, Kyla Meyer, Amber Randall, Madeline Kiss. Front: Kendall Roberts, Jack Lewis, Owen Reed, Ciara Kohr. Photo provided

For the first time in a decade, the eight-time Tony nominated production of the musical “Once on This Island, Jr.” will be performed in Lamorinda. Now is the chance to see this incredible show that also won Best New Musical in London in 1995. Students with the Orinda Intermediate School’s Bulldog Theater will be singing and transporting the audience to the Caribbean April 24-27.

The story focuses on a peasant girl on a tropical island, who uses the power of love to bring together people of different social classes (think of it as a mix of “Romeo & Juliet” and “The Little Mermaid”).

As the show begins, we are transported to that tropical island where, on a rainy, stormy night, a small girl cries out in fear. To comfort her, the

villagers tell her the legend of a peasant girl, Ti Moune, who rescues and falls in love with Daniel, a rich young man from the other side of the island, and the charismatic island gods who try to influence the outcome between the two. This joyous, yet tragic story of life, love, faith, and hope features non-stop music and dancing.

The production is directed by Justin Pyne, who served as musical director on “Guys & Dolls” last spring, and assisted by Jack Henry, a 2003 alumnus of OIS. “It’s great to work together as a team to tell such a powerful story on stage this way,” says Pyne. “We’re excited to share it with the families and students of Lamorinda.” The show is produced and choreographed by Christina Martin, who directed the fall OIS play.

The two casts of OIS students will spend over 40 hours rehearsing and preparing for the show, which will run April 24-27 at the Bulldog Theater at OIS. The 90-minute production will have one intermission. For more information on the show and cast, visit [ois-orinda-ca.school-loop.com/Theater](http://ois-orinda-ca.school-loop.com/Theater). Tickets will be available for purchase starting April 10 at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com).

## Caring is Not Enough for Lafayette Resident

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Nurse and author Terry Ann Black

Photo Cathy Dausman

At that time deaths were handled in the hospitals through doctor’s orders with DNR (do not resuscitate) instructions.

With the creation of Advanced Directives the patient himself could leave instructions for final wishes. This “new stuff” was included in an updated version released in 2005 entitled “Caring is Not Enough: My Last Wishes and Personal Records.”

“I couldn’t name it ‘My Death Plans,’” said Black, inferring that wording was just too strong. Besides, she said, the booklet is not limited to use after a loved one’s death – it is also a useful tool after a home evacuation caused by an earthquake, flood or hurricane.

“It’s all one big picture,” she said. Work on the booklet was shelved again until Black met Lamorindan Lisa Fulmer at a dinner

party in November. Fulmer’s social media savvy encouraged Black to reintroduce her message, this time online.

Her current publication, “Caring is Not Enough: A Workbook for Emergency and End of Life Planning” is now in its fifth edition and features 150 questions. Copies are available in Spanish and a Chinese dialect. There even is a specialized copy dealing with questions designed to assist those in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities. Black said it should take about four hours to fill out her forms, (available online at [www.caringisnotenough.net](http://www.caringisnotenough.net)) provided certain other paperwork (wills and advanced directives, for example) is already in place.

“It’s much easier than doing taxes. They’re simple questions,” she said.

For additional information on end-of-life planning, see the Lamorinda Weekly article, “Organized for the End” at <http://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue0624/Organized-for-the-End-Orinda-couple-annually-updates-last-wishes.html>



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### Samira Says



Samira Davi is a Nurse Liaison for ManorCare Health Services in Walnut Creek. Samira has over 10 years of experience working in health care in Contra Costa County, which has gained her a wide view of what is important to the health care consumer. She will be posting common questions and comments in each issue of the Lamorinda Weekly. You are welcome to contact Samira directly at 925.270.8766

# The Best Way Home

Experience makes a difference for the patients transitioning hospital to home.

Many patients discharged from the hospital this year will require skilled nursing and rehabilitation before returning home. They will face a monumental

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