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# Top Talent at the Third Annual Lafayette Music Festival

By Cathy Tyson



Stevie Coyle at Mighty Fine Guitars

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A constellation of fine musicians are getting together for one night only at the historic Town Hall Theatre Saturday, May 4. The oldest continuously operating theater company in Contra Costa County is a non-profit, and while the board runs the facility like a business, they rely on the generosity of citizens to keep the doors open. "The Lafayette Community Music Festival brings together longtime local musicians who donate their time and talents for the benefit of Town Hall Theatre and its many programs. These musicians have played on big stages with big name acts, and we are honored and touched by their willingness to support Town Hall Theatre," said Tom Stack, vice president of the board of directors. "It's a great local event that brings the community together. Please make plans to come, we appreciate everyone's support." Every dollar raised goes toward continuing quality programs, like Main Stage productions, education programs,

music and comedy events.

Local musical guru Stevie Coyle of the Waybacks and Mighty Fine Guitars, former members of the Steve Miller Band, David Denny, Jack King, Brian Hough, with their brand of "acoustic Americana" will be there as All Night Flight, Paul Cotruvo & Friends of high energy dance band Cover 2 Cover, and Eenor of Primus will grace the stage.

Bring your checkbook and keep an eye out for the silent auction of rock and roll and sports memorabilia, donations from local merchants and more; all proceeds from the evening go directly to the Theatre. Doors open for the Lafayette Community Music Festival at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 4. Tickets are \$30 and are available online at [BoxOffice@TownHallTheatre.com](http://BoxOffice@TownHallTheatre.com), over the phone at (925) 283-1557 or in person Wednesdays through Fridays from 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

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## Not Everyone's Doing It!

By Sophie Braccini



Photo Sophie Braccini

For a few days last week the three Lamorinda high schools had a mysterious "78%" sign displayed on their campuses. Some wondered what it meant. The graduation rate? No, it must be higher than that. The meaning was disclosed April 19: 78 percent of freshmen and juniors drank no alcohol in the last 30 days (according to the most recent California Healthy Kids Survey).

"We wanted to reinforce a positive social norm about drinking," said Jamie Rich of the Lamorinda Alcohol Policy Coalition, who was helped in the campaign by students from the high schools' Students Against Destructive Decisions club or the leadership group.

Both Miramonte and Acalanes have a SADD club. Miramonte's SADD was created by Steven Shepard, Drew Anderson, Bennett Stehr, Matt Matheny, and Will Suller in the fall. "They have been buddies for years," says Shepard's mother, Laura Taxler. "They play football together and wanted to change the attitude that says you have to drink to have fun and be cool."

Their first objective was to raise awareness about alcohol safety. SADD recommends students call Orinda Taxi if they are too drunk to drive, and encourages people to call 911 if they're at a party and someone appears to be in distress. "It will never be held against you, even if

you are under the influence and over 18," said the group. According to California penal code 11376.5 a & b "it shall not be a crime for a person to be under the influence ... if that person, in good faith, seeks medical assistance for another person experiencing the overdose."

SADD's second objective was to show that it is possible to have a fun social life without alcohol. "They organized events where kids wouldn't feel pressure from their peers to drink in order to fit in," says Taxler. She cites a recent movie night at Miramonte that was alcohol-free and fun.

Miramonte SADD, with close to 40 members, decided to back Rich's campaign to support positive social norms. They made the "78%" signs and hung them across the school. Then on April 19, during a school assembly and talent show, Shepard and Kady Richardson revealed the meaning of the figure during intermission.

Since there is no SADD group at Campolindo High School, the leadership class took the project over and last Friday sent an email to all of the teachers revealing the meaning of the figure before telling their classmates.

Acalanes High School junior Bailey McQuain has been involved with SADD since it started last year. "We've met with Jaime (Rich) regularly," says the student.

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