

# OIS Production of Peter Pan Opens May 1

Submitted by Jeanette Lipp



"Disney's Peter Pan Jr." Crocodile Cast at Orinda Intermediate School

Orinda Intermediate School's Bulldog Theater will present its spring musical, "Disney's Peter Pan Jr." in early May at OIS. Based on the Disney film and J.M. Barrie's enchanting play is a modern version of the timeless tale about a boy who wouldn't grow up – with no flying required.

In this tale, Wendy Darling loves to tell stories to her brothers, Michael and John. But when her father announces she must move out of the nursery, Peter Pan comes to visit the children and whisks them away to Never Land. Their adventure introduces them to the Lost Boys, Mermaids, Indians and even the infamous pirate, Captain Hook.

The score includes new arrangements of classic Disney songs, such as "Following the Leader," "You Can Fly," "The Second Star to the Right" and "Yo Ho, A Pirate's Life for Me."

The production is directed and produced by Bay Area Children's Theatre as part of their youth education program. Rachel Robinson serves as director with Megan McGrath as choreographer and Christina Martin as music director. In reference to the production, Rachel Robinson notes, "I am so excited for the OIS community to see our upcoming production of *Peter Pan!* This classic tale boasts flying heroes, mermaids, pirate battles and more – anything and everything that a child could dream of.

Photo provided

The actors have brought incredible imagination and energy to their work. The beloved story features themes that each of them can relate to - appreciating your family, not wanting to grow up, finding your place in society. Our audiences are in for quite a treat."

There are two casts, comprised of approximately 60 OIS students along with additional 13 OIS students serving on tech crew. Performances will run May 1-3 at the OIS Bulldog Theater. The performance lasts a total of 90 minutes, including one intermission. For show time information and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com). Tickets are also available at the OIS theater one half hour prior to show times.

## Two Local Students Advance to State Geography Bee Finals

Submitted by David SooHoo and Karen Severo



Samuel SooHoo with Geography Bee medals won in 2013 and 2014. Photos provided

cello Severo represented their schools April 4 at the state National Geographic Bee at California State University, Fresno. Out of the 2,000-plus winners of their individual schools only the top 100 advanced to the finals. After winning their individual school bee, the students took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society.

An example of a question students were asked included: What is the term for the triangular deposit of sediment sometimes found at the mouth of a river – moraine or delta? Marcello is also known for his musical talents, advancing to the regional level several times in the PTA Reflections competition and the state level one time for the same competition. Marcello plays piano in the Stanley Middle School Jazz Messengers band and plays the keyboard for a local jazz group called the Dominant 7, comprised of four other Lafayette School District students.



Marcello Severo

At State, Marcello answered eight out of eight questions correctly in the preliminary round and advanced to a tiebreaker round with 27 out of 98 other kids. The state winner received \$100 and a trip to Washington D.C. where they will represent California in the national finals at National Geographic Society headquarters May 19-21. The national winner will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship and lifetime membership in the society.

Orinda Intermediate School eighth-grader Samuel SooHoo, who also qualified last year and ended up placing in the top 25 for California, and Stanley Middle School sixth-grader Mar-

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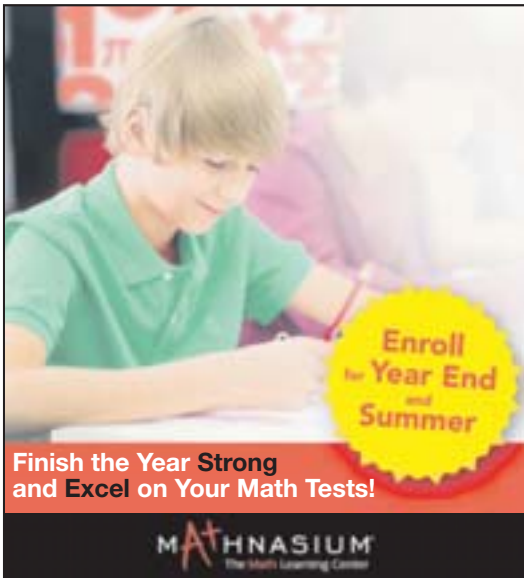
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