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Saturday, Sept. 20th 10-7 PM

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Downtown Lafayette

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www.lafayettefestival.com

Meet the Filmmaker & Cast

Julie Newmar

Oliver Cowley

Ashley Parker Angel

Chris McNally

Christine Lakin

Jeffery A. Johns

Rena Elyse Strober

Jack Turner

Kathy Garver

Jan Wahl

Sondra Currie

Justin Henry

Debbie Pollack

Gedde Watanabe

Kent S. Leung

Blake Peyrot

Derek Zemrak and Leonard Pirkle are ready to roll out the red carpet for stars and guests at the California Independent Film Festival.

Photo Andy Schreck

Film Festival Opens in Lamorinda This Weekend

By Sophie Braccini

What better way to kick off a wonderful weekend of fantastic films than to rub elbows with the films' stars, directors and producers? This year's California Independent Film Festival, Sept. 11-14 at the Rheem and Orinda theaters, and the Castro Theatre in San Francisco, will offer film enthusiasts more chances to mingle than ever before. The festival's main features have been purposefully steered toward feel-good, optimistic

films, while several powerful documentaries will intrigue, inform, uplift, or simply break your heart – you can choose your emotion and run with it. And don't forget the shorts; as usual there will be unforgettable surprises.

"We chose movies that talk about relationships in a positive way," says CAIFF co-founder Derek Zemrak. "We heard what people said last year, and added more light-hearted films."

"An Evergreen Christmas" will be featured on opening night at the Rheem Theatre, Thursday Sept. 11. Some of the cast will be there, including Oscar nominee Robert Loggia ("Jagged Edge," "Big," "An Officer and a Gentleman"), Charleene Closshey ("A Thousand Cuts"), and Jake Sandvig ("Easy A," "Sky High," "Weeds").

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Orinda Classic Car Show Weekend

Saturday, September 13th, 10am - 3pm

Enter Your Car Today at

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New Art Form Makes Debut Spin at Art and Wine Festival

By Cathy Tyson



Jon Barry

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This year's Art and Wine Festival brings the public debut of a new art form – live trAction painting that feeds off the energy of the crowd and music as it's performed. Several artists have stepped up to volunteer their time during the festival to introduce the magic, just for the fun of it. Look for the artists near the Fiesta Stage as they bring their own creative signatures to this unique method that utilizes wheeled conveyances that will "paint" to the music played on stage, boldly interpreting the vibe in real time. The art will be auctioned off upon completion when there's a break in the music; 100 percent of the proceeds will go to Meals on Wheels.

Artist Jon Barry came up with the

concept of trAction painting as a fresh look at Action painting, a genre that emphasizes the physical act of painting as an essential aspect of the finished work. TrAction is his interpretation using a variety of wheeled contraptions, like a mountain bike, roller blades or a scooter, produced on large canvases.

Initially he practiced on an unused street, and he has customized his sidewalk. He even had summer camp kids participate in producing the art. Barry describes it as a combination of performance and process art, abstract expressionism, and much more of a kinetic experience – pedaling and skidding, making patterns – than producing art with a brush.

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