

MOVIE REVIEW

Hollywood Legend and Icon Kicks off the 18th Annual California Independent Film Festival

Tab Hunter at the Rheem Theatre on Sept. 10

By Derek Zemrak

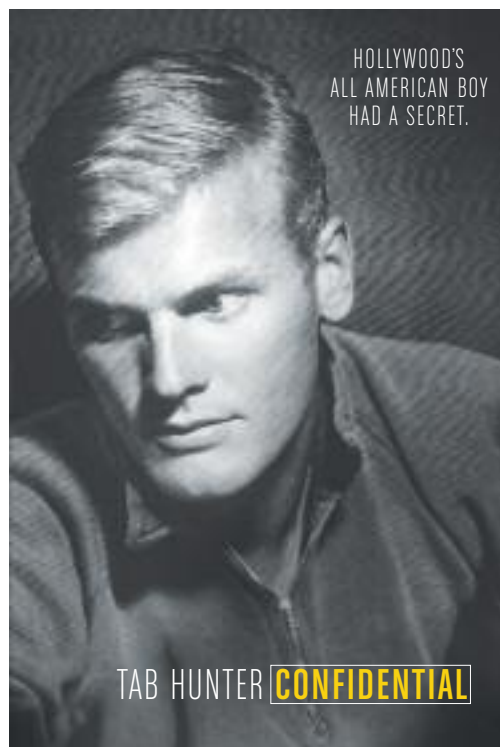


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In the 1950s there were three leading men in Hollywood: James Dean, Rock Hudson and Tab Hunter. Tab Hunter was a product of the golden age of Hollywood and became Hollywood's golden boy. He was discovered at the age of 19 and the Hollywood machine made him a star. Hunter landed his first leading role in 1952 in the romantic South Sea adventure, "Island of Desire," opposite Linda Darnell. From that time forward the Hollywood marketing machine took over his life. They found their golden boy and capitalized on him. Hunter starred in over 40 studio films, including "Ride the Wild Surf," and the Academy Award

nominated film, "Damn Yankees." He also co-starred opposite several screen legends such as Sophia Loren, Natalie Wood, Rita Hayworth, Lana Turner and Debbie Reynolds.

All his film success, though, was not good enough for Hollywood – it was time to make more money off their newfound "Teen Idol." Hunter had an amazing recording career with his song "Young Love" which soared to No. 1 on the record charts and knocked Elvis out of that spot for the first time. "Young Love" remained the number one record in the U.S. for six weeks and Hunter was now every teenage girl's dream. His popularity led him to his own television show on NBC, "The Tab Hunter Show."

Hollywood created Hunter – but who is the real Tab Hunter? Find out on Opening Night of the 18th Annual California Independent Film Festival at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Rheem Theatre. For the first time the festival will be kicking off with the documentary entitled "Tab Hunter Confidential." It is based on the New York Times bestselling book of the same name. This amazing film tells the story of not only who the real Hunter is, in his own words, but also exposes the rollercoaster life Hollywood created around him. The use of vintage footage and modern technology makes this documentary even more special. The evening will include a wine and cheese reception and a Q&A with Hunter.

Tickets are limited and will be sold out soon, so it is recommended that everyone get their tickets at www.caiff.org or the Rheem and Orinda box offices. To learn more about the 18th Annual California Independent Film Festival, go to www.caiff.org.

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OTHER ... continued

Brasarte presents the SF Bay Brazilian Day and Lavagem Festival from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, at Casa de Cultura, 1901 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Celebrate Brazilian Independence Day with a free outdoor festival. Live music, children's village, beer and caipirinha bar, food and artisan booths. For more info, visit www.Brasarte.com, call (510) 528-1958 or email conceicao.damascano@yahoo.com.

The Friends of the Moraga Library will hold their semi-annual book sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Moraga Library. There will be a \$5 Bag Sale from 1 to 2 p.m. when a large paper grocery bag can be purchased and filled with as many books as the bag will hold. The money raised goes to fund library materials and programs, and to staff Sunday hours at the library.

Contra Costa County AARP Tax-Aide is looking for volunteers to become members of a team providing free tax preparation for individuals of all ages. Orientation is in November and classes for tax counselors start in January 2016. Service from February to April 15, 2016. If interested, apply online at www.aarp.org/taxvolunteer or call LaVerne Gordon at (925) 726-3199 for additional information and to apply.

SENIORS

'As The Page Turns' Book Club - Looking for a good book to discuss with others? Join this informal group of booklovers and

enjoy enrichment, lively discussion, fellowship and refreshments that meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (location changes). Call Lafayette Senior Services for the book title at (925) 284-5050. Free for Senior Services members; \$10 non-members.

Men "of a certain age" (semi- or fully-retired) are invited to meet Andy Scheck, publisher of Lamorinda Weekly, at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9 during the Sons In Retirement Lamorinda Hills Branch regular lunch meeting at Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. SIRs welcomes new members. For details, visit www.branch174.sirinc2.org or call Tyler at (925) 284-5561.

The Alzheimer's Association will be hosting a three-part education series for individuals with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia, who are in the early stages, and for their care partners. Facilitators will discuss what you need to know, what you need to plan and what you can do as you navigate this chapter of your life. Separate classes are offered concurrently for early stage individuals and for care partners. Dates and Location: Wednesdays, Sept. 23, 30 and Oct. 7, in Lafayette. Classes are free but pre-registration is required. Contact Lan Trinh at (800) 272-3900 or ltrinh@alz.org to register

GARDEN

Worm Composting and Bin Building Workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 5 at Heather Farm Community Center, 301 N. San Carlos Drive, Walnut Creek. Registration Required at

www.RecycleSmart.org. Cost: \$20 per household; 20 household max capacity. All supplies included: bin and worms.

Lafayette Garden Club meeting from 9:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 10 – Stefani Bittner of Homestead Design collective will speak on a timely topic, "The Low Water Edible Garden." Don't miss her presentation at LGC's first yearly meeting in September at the beautiful Lafayette Veteran's Hall. Guests welcome. Lafayette Veterans Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. For info, email cpetzsch@gmail.com.

Gardening All Year: Prepping Your Garden for fall from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 at 3932 Mt. Diablo Blvd. This class will go over a variety of techniques to help the transition to your fall garden: seed saving, crop rotation, soil amending, cool weather edible crops, sheet mulching and planting natives. Participants: Please bring seed heads, pods, fruit, etc. to prepare and trade with others for a simple seed swap. Register at lafayettecommunitygarden.org/classes-and-events. Cost: \$5 donation requested.

The Walnut Creek Garden Club will hold its general meeting from 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday, Sept. 14 at the Gardens at Heather Farm located at 1540 Marchbanks Road in Walnut Creek. The topic of the program is Pollution Prevention. Kit Ohlman from the Contra Costa Sanitary District will talk about what goes down our drains that can eventually hurt our environment. For more info, email mslittle44@gmail.com.

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SOROPTIMIST A global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

Please join us at our new location **THE LAFAYETTE PARK HOTEL** on Friday mornings at 7am. For more info, please email us at lamorindasunrise@gmail.com

August 28:
Dr. Jackie Steel will 'Expose Herself'! Jackie will share her interest in natural approaches to healthcare.

September 4:
Our speaker will be Luke Fletcher PhD. Luke is a Physicist at Stanford University and studies extreme states of matter.

Please join us for breakfast and a great speaker!

SOROPTIMIST OF 24/680

Please join us for our next meeting:

WHEN: Wednesday, September 2nd Social 5:30-6:00 p.m. Meeting 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Buttercup Grill 660 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek.

"Save the Date for our Crab Feed" Saturday, January 23rd

For more information, contact: Regina Englehart @925-876-9076 or go to: soroptimist24-680.org

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