



Film Clips

Enjoy Fatty Arbuckle Day at the Rheem Theatre

By Derek Zemrak

Coming off last month's near sell-out audience for the Buster Keaton Festival, the Rheem Theatre will be hosting an evening of four Fatty Arbuckle silent short films at 7 p.m. on Saturday April 23. A live baby grand piano score, written and performed by the amazing pianist Patti Liedecker, will accompany the short films; plus I will be lecturing on the life and career of Fatty Arbuckle.

Just a quick overview: Roscoe Arbuckle, better known as "Fatty" Arbuckle, was born in Smith Center, Kansas, on March 24 1887. Arbuckle started working in silent films in 1909, at Selig Polyscope Company. He moved over to the Keystone Film Company in 1913, where his career began to take off and he became one of Hollywood's highest paid actors. Arbuckle was influential in launching the careers of Buster Keaton, Charlie Chaplin and Bob Hope. He lived a very interesting life that played out like a Hollywood movie: infidelity, wild parties, murder, scandals and unsolved mysteries. Learn more about this iconic Hollywood pioneer and his close ties to San Francisco on Saturday, April 23.

The four silent short films that will be screened are:

"Fatty and Minnie-He-Haw" (1918): Fatty is courted by an enormous Indian princess, who proposes marriage. He accepts when she draws a hunting knife to his throat. Starring Minnie Devereaux and Minta Durfee. Directed by Fatty Arbuckle.

"Fatty Joins the Police" (1913): After rescuing the commissioner's daughter, Fatty is rewarded with a job on the police force. He finds that life on the beat is a little more than he

bargained for. Starring Edgar Kennedy, Minta Durfee and Dot Farley. Directed by George Nichols.

"Fatty's Spooning Days" (1918): In a film that's way ahead of its time, two couples engage in a little wife swapping at the park. Starring Mabel Normand and Minta Durfee. Directed by Fatty Arbuckle.

"Fatty's Suitless Day" (1914): Fatty needs formal wear so he can bring his sweetheart to the big dance. He steals a tux from his rival, who shows up at the ball seeking revenge. Starring Charlie Chase, Minta Durfee and Al St. John. Directed by Fatty Arbuckle.

Tickets are \$15 and it is recommended that you get your tickets early. They can be purchased online at www.lamorindatheatres.com or at the Rheem Theatre Box Office. If you would like to get in for free, just dress in early 1900s attire. Also, the Rheem Theatre will be selling a small popcorn for 5 cents with the purchase of a "Fatty Arbuckle Festival" ticket.

Come join the fun and learn about early history of movie making.

Upcoming Rheem and Orinda Theatre Events:

7 p.m. May 12: FREE Movie Night at Orinda Theatre – "The Wizard of Oz"

7 p.m. May 21: The Rheem USO Canteen – A Memorial Day Tribute to the songs and memories of war ballads, patriotic songs and just good old American patriotism with Adam Reeves and Patti Liedecker.

7 p.m. May 28 – Harold Lloyd Festival with live piano score written and performed by Patti Liedecker.

Not to be missed

OTHER

Area residents who own classic cars are invited to participate in the eighth annual Moraga Classic Car Show, which takes place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 14 as part of the 2016 Moraga Community Faire. The \$30 registration fee includes an entry ribbon, lunch for two, a commemorative photo, and a chance for owners to display their restoration work to the public. Prizes will be awarded. The registration deadline is May 1. To register, go to www.moragachamber.org/faire or call Gloria at (925) 247-4473.

Help support children and families affected by AIDS in Zimbabwe. Get your family and friends together for the 13th Annual JF Kapnek Trust Family Fun Run and post-race brunch from 9 a.m. to noon on May 1 at Miramonte High School, 750 Moraga Way, Orinda. All race participants receive a T-shirt and a post-race brunch. There will also be music, a kids' craft booth, face painting, prizes for the top finishers and more.

Come out and Party for a Purpose at Bay Functional Fitness (BFF) from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, May 6 in Rockridge, 5255 College Ave., Oakland. BFF is hosting a fun event and donating ALL proceeds to benefit ARM (Art, Recreation, Movement) of Care. ARM's mission is to use the Creative Arts to restore and empower local girls and young women who have been commercially sexually exploited through human trafficking. Tickets are \$20 at <http://partyforapurpose.brownpapertickets.com/> (\$25 at the door.) www.armofcare.net.

Friends Corner Book Shop Half Price Sale is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 7, Corner of 1st & Golden Gate Way, Lafayette.

Lafayette Juniors 17th Annual Kitchen Tour. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 14. Tour six Lafayette kitchens for a good cause benefiting Youth Homes, Diablo Ballet's PEEK Outreach Program, the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, and Lamorinda Spirit Van. Tickets are \$40 and available at www.lafayette-juniors.org and Lafayette's Premier Kitchens.

The Moraga Community Faire & Car Show will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 14 in the town's Rheem Valley Shopping Center, offering a wonderful opportunity for a "family fun day" with a

climbing wall, bounce house, games, music, arts and crafts, local food trucks, local wine and over 70 amazing classic cars. Free to attend, the Faire is organized and sponsored by the Moraga Chamber of Commerce; visit www.moragachamber.org/faire.

The Orinda Park and Recreation Foundation is hosting the Doggone Fun Fest at the Orinda Community Center Park from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 15. Join the fun with your dogs on leash to parade around the park. Prizes for best dressed, looks most like their owner, and best in show. Rescue organizations will have dogs for adoption and there will be dog product vendors in attendance. Contact Carolyn Mills at 254-5292 or bandcmills@comcast.net if you need more details."

Don't Miss the Hacienda de las Flores Centennial de Mayo celebration from noon to 5 p.m. on May 15, 2100 Donald Drive. Step back in time, enjoy the beautiful grounds and learn about the Hacienda's rich history. Fun for all ages! Free admission, authentic Mexican food and drinks, live Mariachi Band, hourly piñata contests, tortilla making, Mexican tile painting, cupcake walks and more. Limited onsite parking; shuttle available from Rheem Elementary, 90 Laird Drive.

Mark your calendars for A Taste of Lafayette, the city's 14th Annual Restaurant Walk on Tuesday, May 17. This is an opportunity to tour Lafayette's finest dining establishments and sample the signature cuisine of each restaurant. Cost is \$45 per person if purchased by May 6, 2016; \$50 per person after that date. Visit www.lafayettechamber.org/events/taste-of-lafayette/ for more information.

CCI Greenheart is currently seeking volunteer host families in the Lafayette area. Program Dates: July 7 through 27. Provide a secure and inviting home for a teenaged student from France for three weeks. Families with or without children, single parents, empty nesters all welcome. Please contact Local Coordinator Randi Grant for more information Email: rgrant194@gmail.com Phone: (805) 660-1314

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Mindful Aging at the Moraga Library: Technology Petting Zoo at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 28. Join us for a demonstration of wireless streaming devices, eReaders, iPads

and tablets by Best Buy's Geek Squad. Have questions about using your smartphone? Bring your own device (BYOD) for assistance.

GARDEN

UC Master Gardeners of Contra Costa and Moraga Library present Container Gardening & Gardening in Small Spaces at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26. Master Gardener Terry Lippert will inspire you to grow your own fruits and vegetables even in limited space. The program will cover building and preparing raised beds, conventional and unique methods for container gardening, watering and how to espalier fruit trees.

Man's War Against Weeds, Insects and Rodents: How we shoot ourselves in the foot with pesticides, and smarter, least toxic alternatives for a decent future. 3 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, at the Lafayette Community Garden, 3932 Mt Diablo Blvd. Be ready for an hour of funny stories and serious data that provides evidence for taking a precautionary approach to commonly used pesticides. You will become informed on topics you took for granted and learn about the least toxic alternatives to any pest problem. There will be a Q&A. Classes are free. However, a \$5 donation is appreciated to support their education programs.

The Gardens at Heather Farm is celebrating "National Public Gardens Day" between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Friday, May 6. There will be free activities throughout the day in its six-acre public garden and wildlife habitat nestled on a picturesque hillside in Walnut Creek. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the day. For more information, visit www.gardenshf.org.

Annual Compost Giveaway, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 7. RecycleSmart has partnered with the UC Master Gardeners of Contra Costa to provide residents free compost. Bring your own rigid container and take up to 96 gallons of compost while supplies last. There will also be presentations, booths, raffles and more. Register online and see schedule too at <http://getsmartsaturday-compostsmart.eventbrite.com>.

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We meet Friday mornings at 7:00 am at **The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa**, 3666 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. For more info, please email us at lamorindasunrise@gmail.com

April 22

Angela Mason, Executive Director, PINCC "Vinegar, volunteers and Vigor!"

April 29

Rich Shearer, A wild, rollicking "Expose Yourself"

Wine Barrel Raffle: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner drawings on April 29, 2016 Proceeds fund various community service projects. Buy \$10 raffle tickets from our Rotary Club members. See particulars at lamorindasunrise.org

Lafayette Rotary Club

Step in on a Thursday and join us for our lunch meeting. Thursday at noon Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

April 21: Celebration of Club's 70th anniversary

April 28: Jay Hoyer, Chief Executive Officer of the Walnut Creek Chamber

www.rotarylafayette.org

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"Improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment"

Please join us for our next meeting:

WHEN: Wednesday, May 4th Social 5:30-6:00 p.m. Meeting 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

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

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