

MOVIE REVIEW

Film Clips

The California Independent Film Festival is Right Around the Corner

By Derek Zemrak



A free showing of "Stand By Me" will be screened July 14 at the Orinda Theatre. Photo provided

As we are in the middle of summer enjoying blockbuster Hollywood movies like "The Secret Life of Pets," "Finding Dory" and the soon-to-be-released "Ghostbusters," it is time to mark your calendar for the 19th Annual California Independent Film Festival that is only eight weeks away.

CAIFF once again will be showcasing award-winning independent movies from around the world with screenings at the Rheem Theatre, Orinda Theatre and the Castro Theatre in San Francisco. The Festival opens Sept. 8 and closes Sept. 14.

The Rheem Theatre will be hosting the opening night festivities on Thursday Sept. 8. I am pleased to announce the opening night movie will be "Miles," a heart-warming movie based on a true story.

"Miles" tells the story of a high school senior Miles Walton, portrayed by newcomer Tim Boardman, whose mother (Molly Shannon, "Saturday Night Live," "Superstar") is left broke after his father passes away. He causes an uproar in his small Illinois town when he discovers an unusual college scholarship opportunity through a loophole that allows him to join the girls' volleyball team. The film also stars, Annie Golden ("Orange is the New Black"), Missi Pyle ("Gone Girl") and four-time Golden Globe nominee Paul Reiser.

"Miles" recently had its world premiere at the prestigious Seattle International Film Festival, got rave reviews and was an audience favorite. The "Miles" team is delighted to be in attendance at the opening of the California Independent Film Festival. Nathan Adloff, the award-winning director, has confirmed that he will also be in attendance.

Attending cast members will be announced at a later date.

Tickets for opening night will go on sale to members Aug. 1. So be on the look out for your invitation email. Last year's opening night sold out in less than two weeks. Now is the best time to become a CAIFF member that will allow you to purchase festival tickets early, as well as receiving the most up-to-date information of the 19th Annual California Independent Film Festival. To become a member visit CAIFF's website at www.caff.org or sign up at the Rheem or Orinda Theaters.

Don't forget, one of the greatest coming-of-age films, "Stand By Me," will be showing for free at the Orinda Theatre at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 14. This will be a special 30th Anniversary screening of "Stand By Me," which was first released in theaters nationwide on Aug. 22, 1986. Brilliantly directed by Rob Reiner, it tells the story of four Oregon boys who learn that a stranger was accidentally killed near their rural homes. On their quest, the four boys learn more about each other and a bond that will connect them for a lifetime.

"Stand By Me" was nominated for one Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay. Did you know that the movie was adapted from the short story, "The Body," written by Stephen King?

"Stand By Me" is rated R for language, smoking and brief violence – all involving preteens and teenagers. It has a total running time of one hour and 29 minutes. Don't miss this rare free opportunity to see a modern-day classic on the big screen.

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Lauren Jonas, Artistic Director

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July 15
Newly minted President **Claire Roberts** conducts her first Club Assembly. Prepare to be dazzled!

July 22
The always impressive reports, coming directly from this year's participants at Rotary's annual **Camp Royal**.

Once again Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary served a delicious pancake breakfast to a large contingent of spectators, attending the ever popular Orinda July 4th parade.

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.

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Rotary Presents Opera in the Park

By Richard Marchick



Sylvia Amorino Photos provided



Christopher Jackson



Silvie Jensen

Orinda Rotary Club has teamed up with a new partner, Solo Opera, to present the club's eighth annual Opera in the Park. The free performance, which usually attracts at least 1,000 people, will be presented from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 24 at the Orinda Community Park. It is an opportunity to hear professional opera singers perform favorite arias, duets and ensembles, which organizers say will thrill even non-opera lovers.

"We have assembled a truly spectacular line-up of talent," says Sylvia Amorino, Solo Opera's artistic director/producer and master of ceremonies for the concert. According to Amorino, the program includes singers who have performed at San Francisco Opera, San Francisco Symphony, Opera San Jose and Carnegie Hall.

Solo Opera was founded in 2000, and has achieved wonderful success producing high quality operas at the Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek and other Bay Area venues. Their productions have been of the highest professional standards, receiving rave reviews and awards from the press.

Tenor Christopher Jackson from Lafayette will join the other performers that include: baritone William O'Neill and Torlef Borsting; mezzo-sopranos Silvie Jensen and Alexandra Jerinic; sopranos Diane Squires and Cass Panuska; tenor Alexander Boyer; and pianist Chun Mei Wilson.

Enjoying live opera has become so expensive that it's almost impossible for the average family

to attend. Orinda Rotary's free Opera in the Park is a fine way to introduce children to opera, or even friends who might never go to see and hear live opera, organizers say. There is a running commentary on the works that the master of ceremonies shares so even the novice is aware of what and where the action is. The music chosen is very likeable, and the master of ceremony's short explanation of what is happening in each piece or section will make it even more enjoyable.

In addition to the music feast, Orinda Rotary will be selling bottled water and soda. The Rotary Club invites people to bring their entire family including children, a blanket and/or chairs and a picnic lunch. Free parking is available.

The Orinda Rotary Club was chartered in 1949 with a commitment to service Orinda and beyond. Its other activities this year include Miramonte High School Career Night, Jazz in the Park, Meals on Wheels, Tom Fitch Fishing Day for Oakland Boys and Girls Clubs, Frank Osola Field Day for Orinda's third, fourth and fifth graders, Orinda Spring Egg Hunt, Orinda Citizen of the Year, Four-Way Speech Contest for Miramonte students, Leadership Camps for Miramonte students, college scholarships for Miramonte students, and Winter Nights with Orinda Community Church.

For further information, contact Dick Marchick, who heads the Rotary opera team, at Rmarchick@comcast.net. For more information on Solo Opera, visit its website at www.soloopera.org.

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