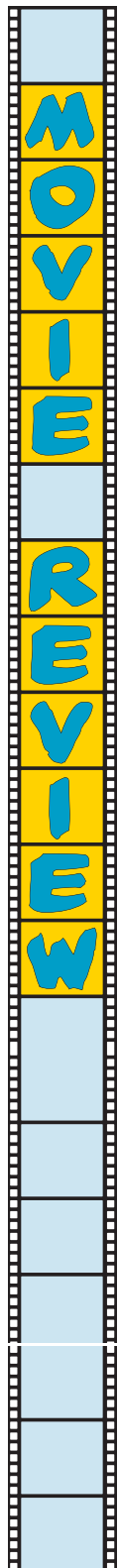
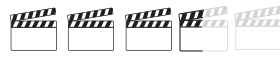


Film Clips

Mysterious and well-acted 'Cousin Rachel' hits Orinda Theatre this Friday

By Derek Zemrak



Oscar-winner Rachel Weisz stars in "My Cousin Rachel." Photo credit: Fox Searchlight Pictures

"My Cousin Rachel" begins its two-week run at the Orinda Theatre on June 16. A remake of the 1952 original starring Richard Burton and Olivia de Havilland is based on the Daphne Du Maurier novel of the same name.

The film follows the story of a young man Philip (Sam Claflin) who seeks revenge on his cousin Rachel (Rachel Weisz) who he believes murdered his cousin and the guardian who raised him. Upon meeting her, Philip falls under the alluring spell of her charm.

Academy Award Winner Rachel Weisz ("The Constant Gardener") is captivating in the role of Rachel. She lures the audience and Philip into her web. She is mysterious, seductive, beguiling and mesmerizing. Claflin's performance as Philip is as strong on the opposite side of the acting spectrum.

"My Cousin Rachel" is a solid alternative from the superhero films currently blasting up theaters nationwide. The cinematography is Oscar-worthy with stunning European landscapes. Equally impressive is the costume and set de-

sign. When award season rolls around later in the year, you will be hearing the name, "My Cousin Rachel."

"My Cousin Rachel" is an enjoyable mystery thriller, rated PG-13 for some sexuality and brief strong profanity with a TRT (total running time) of 1 hour and 46 minutes.

Silent Movies return to the Rheem

At 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Rheem Theatre, enjoy an evening of short films starring Mary Pickford with authentic music composed and performed by Patti Leidecker. Leonard Pirkle will give a history of Mary Pickford and the short films.

Did you know that Mary Pickford was a co-founder of United Artists Studio and one of the original founders of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences?

Learn more about this amazing woman at this very special event at the Rheem. The Moraga Community Foundation is sponsoring this event.

Admission: \$15.

◆ Not to be missed ◆ Not to be missed ◆

OTHER ... continued

Naturalist and Wildlife expert, James "Doc" Hale will discuss the local Pleistocene Megafauna, their extirpation, and the evolution of the East Bay Area wildlife landscape from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, June 24 at the Lafayette Community Garden, 3932 Mt Diablo Blvd. The classes are free. However, a \$5 donation is appreciated.

Wine and Tapas Speaker Series Presents: Finding Peace in Broken Places at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 9 at 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette. After experiencing the plight of Syrian refugees and their children in Turkey and Jordan, Sai Aashraya dedicated his life to create ways of love and service that unleash the capacity for joy and peace. Admission is free and open to all ages, bring a small tasting to share for our common cheese and charcuterie

board. Beverages and baguettes will be provided.

SENIORS

Friday Connections at the Lafayette Library. Join the gathering at the Lafayette Library from 1 to 3 p.m. every Friday for a variety of activities: speakers, games, film screenings, presentations and more. Catch up with old friends or meet new ones over refreshments! Check with library staff or the online calendar www.tinyurl.com/laf-calendar for each week's activities and meeting room. For more info, contact Chris Gray at (925) 385-2288 or cgray@ccclub.org or Lafayette Senior Services: Seniors@LoveLafayette.org or (925) 284-5050.

Branch 116 Sons in Retirement, for retired or semiretired men, will be holding its 11:30 a.m. lunch meeting on June 19 at the Clubhouse at Boundary

Oak, 3800 Valley Vista Road, Walnut Creek. The guest speaker will be Dr. Brian Hopkins, a board certified urologist, who will be speaking on myriad urological problems of older men. The cost is \$25. For reservations or information call (925) 322-1160 or email branch116@gmail.com. For more information about our group, visit www.branch116.org.

Smart Driver 4 Hour Refresher Course from 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on Thursday, July 20 at the Toyon Room, Lafayette Community Center. Refine your driving skills, develop safe, defensive techniques, and possibly lower your insurance premium. Offered through AARP. \$15 AARP Members; \$20 Non-Members. Max: 25 paid registrants. To reserve your spot, send check, made payable to AARP, to Lafayette Senior Services, 500 St. Mary's Rd., Lafayette, CA 94549.

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Service Clubs Announcements

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

June 16	June 23
Seismological Lab at UC Berkeley On The Science Behind Earthquakes	Maura Wolf, Consultant and Educator, Focus on Strategic Planning, Organizational and People Development

The "Teardrop Inn" trailer continues to appear in June at Rock the Park Concerts on the Square in Lafayette

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.

June 15:	June 22:
Rich Dutra	Dennis Erokan
The Challenge Day Event	Get Famous

Rock the Plaza: Fridays in June, 6 pm Free Live Music, Plaza Park Downtown Lafayette

Free concerts to rock Lamorinda this summer



Some dancing at a concert last year at Moraga Commons. Photo A. Scheck

Lafayette

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love at the Rock the Plaza concerts on Fridays throughout June.

June 16: Dream Posse

June 23: Barry "The Fish" Melton and his band.

Music begins at 6:30 p.m. The '60s inspired "Hippie Market" along Plaza Way opens at 6 p.m.

Stay late to jam! The Acoustic Hootenanny around the campfire begins at 8:30 p.m., with special guests, including Lafayette's own Stevie Coyle (The Waybacks), playing folk songs. Bring your guitar.

Moraga

Thursday evenings at the Commons are for relaxing with friends and enjoying the bands. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs to the grassy hillside in front of the band shell. The volunteers of MPF will cook dinner for you with the Snack Bar opening at 6 p.m.

June 22 Floorshakers - Fun, soul, rock& roll

June 29 Spill the Wine - Jackson 5 to Maroon 5

July 4 David Martins House Party - Dance party and show (7 p.m. concert)

July 13 Foreverland -Tribute to Michael Jackson

July 20 Beatles Flashback - Tribute the Beatles

July 27 Mixed Nuts - Jazz, soul, blues and rock

August 3 House Rockers - Rock and soul

August 10 Apple Z - Rock and roll

August 17 Fundamentals - Red-hot rockin' soul

The County Food Bank will have collection bins near parking lots each Thursday. Concerts start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

The concerts are sponsored by The Bruzzone Family, Republic Services, Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley, Moraga Junior Women's Club and 5-A Rent A Space

Orinda

It's time to sit back and unwind at the free summer concerts at the park series on Tuesday nights.

June 20, Juke Joint — Classic Soul

Food Truck: Pia's Pizza

June 27, Fog City Swampers — Classic Rock & Roll

Food Truck: An the Go (Asian Fusion)

July 11 Floorshakers — Funk Soul, Rock & Roll

Food Truck: Kenny's Heart & Soul (Soul Food)

July 18 Lamorinda Idol

Food Truck: Pia's Pizza

July 23, Opera in the Park, 5-7 p.m.

July 25, Bruce Gunn & Big Rain — Soulful Rock Country

Food Truck: El Ranchero (taco truck)

August 1, JetBlacq — Jazz

Food Truck: Rebel Dog Hotdogs

August 8, West Grand Blvd — Motown

Food Truck: An the Go (Asian Fusion)

August 15, Big Band Jazz

Food Truck: Kenny's Heart & Soul (Soul Food)

The concerts run 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Orinda Community Center Auxiliary and the Rotary Club of Orinda, and supported by the Orinda Parks and Recreation Foundation, Orinda Community Foundation and City of Orinda.

Also coming up in Orinda this summer:

The Orinda Village Starlight Players have three plays at the Orinda Community Park this summer:

Agatha Christie's "The Unexpected Guest" June 2 through July 1
Malcolm Cowler's adaptation of L. Frank Baum's "The Wizard of Oz," July 21 through Aug. 12

Robert Merrill's "Five-Door Farce," Sept. 1 through Sept. 30