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Laughs, magic and scares hit the Lamorinda theaters this October

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Andrew Norelli Photos provided

Round four of the Bay Area's hottest comedy contest, Comedy Noir, returns to the Rheem Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 6. Come see some of the funniest up and coming Bay Area comics battle it out to advance to the finals at the Rheem Theatre on Friday, Nov. 3. Don't let anyone say your vote doesn't count! Tickets are \$15.

Illusionist Timothy James returns to the Rheem Theatre on Saturday, Oct. 7 with two shows at 6 and 8 p.m. This will be your last chance this year to see the amazing James. Get ready for a night of unbelievable sleight of hand, hilarious audience interaction, and a grand finale that will leave you saying, "What?? How did he do that?" It's fun for the entire family and kids of all ages. The 6 p.m. show is a family show geared toward 12 and under. The 8 p.m. show is 13-plus. Tickets are \$10 (under 18) and \$15 (over 18).

The Bay-Area Grown Comedy show at the Orinda Theatre Thursday, Oct. 12 features Jeff Richards and Andrew Norelli, who both grew up in the Bay Area and became nationally known comedians. Richards came from Walnut Creek and graduated from Las Lomas. He is a Saturday Night Live and MadTV alumnus. His most famous characters were Drunk Girl and Dr. Phil. Norelli grew up in Danville and graduated from San Ramon High School. He has had numerous appearances on late night talk shows including The Late Show with David Letterman, The Late Show with Craig Ferguson and

Jimmy Kimmel Live. Do not miss this rare comedy event with two of the Bay Area's very best performing artists together for the first time on the same stage on the same night! Tickets are \$30.

If you are looking for a scary movie this October you will not want to miss Orinda's free Movie Night on Thursday, Oct. 12 where they are showing the cult classic, "A Nightmare on Elm Street," where a group of teenagers are terrorized by Freddy Krueger (Robert Englund) who attacks his victims by entering their dreams and killing them. Remember free movie night at the Orinda Theatre is always the second Thursday of each month.

How about an independent horror movie to put a little scare into you this Halloween season? The Rheem Theatre has you covered with "The Lost Tree," which starts on Friday, Oct. 13. Yes, Friday the 13th for a week-long engagement. After a serious traumatic accident, a man leaves his old life behind and moves to an isolated cabin to start his life over. He soon learns that the surrounding area has a very dangerous past. "The Lost Tree" stars Scott Grimes ("ER," "Party of Five"), Lacey Chabert ("Party of Five"), Michael Madsen ("Reservoir Dogs," "Kill Bill") and Thomas Ian Nicholas ("American Pie," "Rookie of the Year").



Jeff Richards



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