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Upcoming movies and events at Orinda and Rheem theatres

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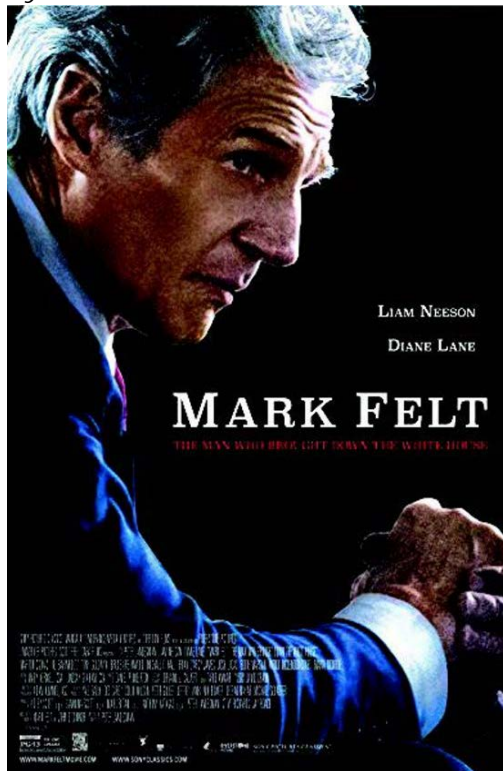


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Orinda Theatre will be showcasing the Contra Costa County exclusive release of "Mark Felt: The Man Who Brought Down the White House" on Oct. 20. The film centers on "Deep Throat," the pseudonym given to the notorious whistleblower for one of the greatest scandals of all time, Watergate. The true identity of the secret informant remained a mystery and a source of much public curiosity and speculation for more than 30 years. That is until 2005 when special agent Mark Felt (Liam Neeson) shockingly revealed himself as the tipster. This unbelievable true story chronicles the personal and professional life of the brilliant and uncompromising Felt, who risked and ultimately sacrificed everything - his family, his career, his freedom - in the name of justice.

The Autumn Concert at the Rheem Theatre is scheduled at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21. Enjoy your evening with a live musical concert from some of the Bay Area's best singers including Doug Bryson (Tenor), Gordan Douglas, Karen Henson, Tommy O'Dowd, Ellen Wing, Brett and Eileen Zamora all accompanied by pianist, Patti Leidecker. This lineup of amazing talent has performed all over the Bay Area including Festival Opera, Leshner Center of the Arts, Oakland Lyric Opera, San Francisco City Chorus, Society Cabaret in San Francisco and Cin Cuvee Wine Bar in Orinda.

The family film "Goodbye Christopher Robin" arrives in theatres on Oct. 27. This movie is a behind the scenes look at the life of author A.A. Milne and the creation of the Winnie the Pooh stories inspired by his son, C. R. Milne. "Goodbye Christopher Robin" is produced and

directed by Simon Curtis who previously produced and directed "Woman in Gold" (2015) and "My Week with Marilyn" (2011), both of which were audience favorites at the Orinda Theatre.

Also on Oct. 27, "Thank You for Your Service" will open in theatres nationwide. Oscar nominee Jason Hall ("American Sniper," Best Writing, Adapted Screenplay) makes his directorial debut with "Thank You for Your Service." A group of U.S. soldiers returning from Iraq struggles to integrate back into family and civilian life, while living with the memory of a war that threatens to destroy them long after they've left the battlefield. The film stars Miles Tiller ("Whiplash," "The Spectacular Now") who I believe is one of best actors of his generation. Tiller one day will win an Oscar, and "Thank You for Your Service" may be his first Academy Award nomination.

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