

'Wrinkle in Time' now playing at Orinda Theatre

By Derek Zemrak

MOVIE REVIEW



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Now that the Oscars have come and gone, it's time for Hollywood to focus on releasing big box office movies. The first, "A Wrinkle in Time," is currently screening in the main 750-seat auditorium at the Orinda Theatre.

The film is based on the science fiction novel of the same name written by Madeline L'Engle and was first published in 1962. Meg Murry is a typical middle school student struggling with issues of self-worth who just wants to fit in. The daughter of two world-renowned physicists, she is intelligent and uniquely gifted, as is her younger brother, Charles Wallace, but she has yet to realize her gifts. Complicating

matters is the mysterious disappearance of her father, an event that has left Meg devastated and her mother brokenhearted. Charles Wallace introduces Meg and her fellow classmate Calvin to three celestial beings (Mrs. Which, Mrs. Whatsit and Mrs. Who) who have journeyed to Earth to help the family search for their father and husband. They all embark together on their formidable quest. Traveling via a wrinkling of time and space known as tessering, they are transported to worlds beyond their imaginations where they must confront a powerful evil force. To make it back home to Earth, Meg must face the darkness within herself in order to harness the strength necessary to defeat the darkness rapidly enveloping the universe.

"A Wrinkle in Time" is directed by Ava DuVernay ("Selma"). DuVernay was nominated for an Oscar in 2017 for her documentary "13th." If you have not seen "13th," I highly recommend taking the time to watch this powerful film. DuVernay has assembled a cast of veterans (Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon, Zach Galifianakis) along with very talented up and coming actors which include Storm Reid ("12 Years a Slave") and Levi Miller. If you attended the 2017 California Independent Film Festival and saw the outstanding Australian film, "Jasper Jones," you got to see Miller in the lead role as Charlie Bucktin. If you missed "Jasper Jones" at CAIFF, it is another film worth taking the time to locate and watch.

The showtimes for the weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) are 1:15 p.m., 4 p.m., and 6:45 p.m. There will be an additional late show on Friday and Saturday nights at 9:30 p.m.

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OTHER ... continued

Give Back in Lamorinda Style at the Moraga Valley Kiwanis Lobster Fest taking place at the Saint Mary's College Soda Center from 6 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, March 24. The evening includes a silent auction, music, dancing, Lobster Pot Drawing, Wine Cellar Raffle, lots of lobster and tons of fun! Local high school Key Club members serve the dinner and join in the dancing. Tickets are \$55 per person at moragavalleykiwanis.org or (925) 388-0492.

Free workshop "Are your 1099 workers really employees? A reality check" is being offered from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28 at the Contra Costa Small Business Development Center, 300 Ellinwood Way, Bodega Room, 2nd Floor in Pleasant Hill. Please register for the free workshop by March 27 with Marjorie Wallace at maw@worklawmaw.com. There will be a raffle and refreshments will be served.

What's up down there?: The role of Physical Therapy in Pelvic Floor Dysfunction with Allison Romero, PT, Pelvic Health Specialist on March 27 at Lafayette Physical Therapy. The workshop explores the pelvic floor and how to enhance your pelvic health and awareness in all stages of life. This workshop will teach you how to identify when there is a problem and what can be done to fix it. You will leave with a deeper knowledge of how to engage your pelvic floor muscles and the correct way to do a kegel (it's about time right?!). Seating is limited, call to register your spot today: (925) 284-6150.

SENIORS

Senior Scam Workshop presented by Pearl Yon, Better Business Bureau from 10:30 a.m. to noon on March 22 in the Lafayette Community Center Cedar Room. This workshop will educate you on the scams that most frequently target older adults. You will learn to recognize the red flags and receive tips on how to avoid the scammers' tactics. Additionally, you will be provided with useful resources that will help lower your chances of falling victim to these scams. Handouts of the information will be yours to take home. Members: Free; Non-Members: \$10

GARDEN

Lafayette Garden Club General Meeting from 9:45 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 8 at the Lafayette Veteran's Building located at 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Program: "Ikebana" Lafayette Garden Club is pleased to present speaker Gail Emmons who will share her knowledge and passion for Ikebana flower arranging. She studies Sogetsu Ikebana with a dynamic sculptural style that mixes the traditions of both East and West in new and daring ways. Visitors are welcome! Please email Carolyn Poetzsch cpoetzsch@gmail.com.

Walnut Creek Garden Club presents: "The Importance of Backyard Pollinators" featuring Steve Gentry, Master Beekeeper, Mt. Diablo Beekeepers Association starting at 9:45 a.m. Monday, March 12 at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Road, Walnut Creek. 9:45 a.m. - Business Meeting; 10:30 a.m. - Social; 11 a.m. Program. Questions: mslittle44@gmail.com.

The Moraga Garden Club will hold their monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 15 at the Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Guest speakers will be Susan and Barry Hofer. The topic of their discussion will be "Maples for All Seasons". Interested parties are welcome to attend the 9:30 a.m. social hour and the 10 a.m. meeting, as well as the presentation by the Hofers immediately following the meeting.

Montelindo Garden Club March Meeting (third Friday of every month, September through May) will be at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 16 at Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda. Presentation: "Big Ideas for Designing Your Small Back Yard" by Susan Morrison. Susan is a nationally-recognized landscape designer and authority on small-space garden design. Her most recent book, "Less Is More in the Garden," was released early in February. Ms. Morrison's presentation will focus on how to create unique small-space gardens that are lovely, family friendly, and low maintenance.

Workshop: Sustainable gardening and water wise plants at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 17, McDonnell Nursery, 196 Moraga Way, Orinda. Free, but please RSVP to (925) 254-3713.

Moraga Gardens Farm will be selling sustainable grown heirloom tomato, eggplant, pepper, and herb plants March 24 - April 15 on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., (closed Easter Sunday). These are varieties that have proven to do well in the Lamorinda climate. 4-inch pots are \$3. The sale is at the Farm, 1290 Moraga Way, between the Moraga Fire Station and School Street.

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March 9
SUPERHEROES FROM COMICS TO MOVIES. STEVE ENGLEHART: Creator of Star-Lord, Mantis and the upcoming Nomad just to mention a few, discusses how comics came to be.

March 16
CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY FREE SERVICES
CAROL LOUISELL showcases the many programs and services provided to people and their families facing cancer.

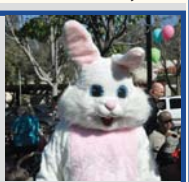
Happy Saint Patrick's Day and The Luck O' the Irish to Ye!

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.

March 8:
Dan McGovern
Eugene O'Neill Foundation

March 31, 10 a.m.
Candy Scramble at Lafayette Plaza Park



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Local singer vies for top spot in talent series



Elizabeth Becker Photo provided

Moraga teen Elizabeth Becker is no stranger to competitions. With first place wins at Lamorinda Idol in 2014 and 2017 under her belt, the singer, songwriter, performer, and musician who plays the guitar, piano and violin, was one of 14 contestants from across Northern California competing in the Celebration of Music talent search contest, which gave her an opportunity to perform in a televised live performance at the Crest Theatre in Sacramento March 4. Her audition video was also featured on the PBS station, KVIE, in Sacramento in a lead up to the event. To see Becker's audition, visit www.celebrationofmusic.com/elizabeth-becker. - J. Wake

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