

Broadway Icon Andrea McArdle at 'Live at the Orinda Theatre' May 3

By Derek Zemrak



Photo provided

Andrea McArdle rocketed to stardom as Broadway's original "Annie," for which she was the youngest performer ever nominated for the Tony Award for Best Actress in a Musical, winning both the Theatre World and Outer Critics' Circle awards for her performance. On Broadway she originated the roles of Ashley in "Starlight Express" and Margy in "State Fair" and was seen as Belle in "Beauty and the Beast" and as Fantine in "Les Miserables." On tour she starred in "Jerry's Girls," "Les Miserables" as

Eponine, "The Wizard of Oz," "Cabaret" and "Peter Pan." McArdle has performed in concert halls from Carnegie Hall to the best showrooms in Las Vegas to the Metropolitan Opera House in New York as well as The White House.

McArdle's show, "'70s and Sunny," is a look at the music of the '70s. The voice that helped define a decade pays tribute to the music that helped define her as an artist and singer. From Broadway to Billy Joel, from disco to Motown, McArdle explores her musical roots and reveals how the girl who danced at Studio 54 evolved into the woman and show business legend she is today. McArdle's cabaret show has received rave reviews across the country.

"We are excited and proud to bring Andrea McArdle to the stunning Orinda Theatre for her first Bay Area appearance in five years," said producer Michal Williams. "The audience will be blown away by Andrea's voice."

Every performance at the Live at the Orinda is different, but the one thing that each show has had in common is the creation of an amazing evening.

The Live at the Orinda Concert Series brings the best of Broadway, jazz and pop artists to the historic Orinda Theatre. This inaugural season has brought sold-out shows by Tony winner John Lloyd Young ("Jersey Boys"), Golden Globe winner Amanda McBroom ("The Rose"), and cabaret/jazz star Amanda King.

Tickets for Live at the Orinda Concert Series sell out fast, so buy your tickets online at www.lamorindatheatre.com or at the Orinda Theatre box office.



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<p>April 20</p> <p>"Operation BabyLift" – BILL YALEY describes the rescue of 2,500 war-torn children from South Vietnam in 1975 to the U.S.</p>	<p>April 27</p> <p>Our very own, CLAIRE ROBERTS shares her family history. The good, the bad and the...!</p>
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Join us, there's a project happening that needs you!

Step in on a Thursday and join us for our lunch meeting.
Thursday at noon Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

<p>April 19: Dave Baker coming; about Deer Hill development</p>	<p>April 26: Bernie Rosner A Holocaust Survivor</p>
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OTHER ... continued

On Saturday, April 21 come and enjoy a walk in the woods with a forester! On behalf of the Bay Area Chapter of the California Society of American Foresters, you're invited to a day at the University of California's Russell Research Station in the hills north of Lafayette (4927 Happy Valley Road, Lafayette). Come anytime, the Station will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will be demonstrations by the student's Logging Sports Team and a hike through the forest led by a forester. Learn what a forester does. Learn about the trees, the forest, the wildlife, and the plants.

Mountain Shadow Film Society presents "Arrangiarsi: Pizza...And the Art of Living" at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 21 at Walnut Creek Library, 1644 N. Broadway St, Walnut Creek. The filmmaker, Marco Troncone, will be present to introduce the film and take questions. \$12 admission. http://mountainshadow.org

The Orinda Community Foundation in partnership with the City of Orinda will be holding its 10th Anniversary Orinda Action Day from 9:30 a.m. to noon on April 21 at the Orinda Library and Community Center. All ages and community groups are welcome to participate in a variety of projects to clean parks, trails, walkways and creeks, and more. The public can sign up to become part of a team at www.OrindaFoundation.org under the volunteer tab.

Wildlife Earth Day at Wagner Ranch from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Orinda on Sunday, April 22. Several community organizations will also present earth-friendly endeavors. Cynthia Brian will be autographing her newest book, "Growing with the Goddess Gardener" as well as talking about trees, flowers, and other botanicals. For more information on this nature-lover's event organized by the naturalist guru, Toris Jaeger, visit https://fwrna.org/wildlifefest/.

Come to the Friends of the Moraga Library's annual spring book sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 28 for some of the biggest bargains in Lamorinda. Books, CDs and DVDs of every category will be sold at prices ranging from 25 cents to \$3. Beginning at 1 p.m. a bag can be purchased for \$5 and filled with all the books it can hold. All proceeds from the sale go to fund library materials and programs, in addition to paying for staffing of the library's Sunday hours. The sale will be held at the Moraga Library

1500 St. Mary's Road.

Sam and Susan Sperry will be honored as the 2018 Moraga Citizens of the year at a celebration dinner 6 to 9 p.m. on April 28 at St Mary's College Soda Center. This fun event is a great opportunity for socializing over drinks and a tasty dinner with your Moraga neighbors, many of whom are community volunteers, as well as some of the past year's winners and community and county leaders. You may purchase tickets at www.moragachamber.org. Cost is \$55.

The annual Wine and Dine tour will be happening this year from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 1 in and around Theatre Square in Orinda. The very fun event includes sampling foods from new and long standing restaurants, a free glass of wine from the Lamorinda Wine Growers Association, live music with Lamorinda Idols, Sunjams, school groups and more. Tickets are \$40 at OrindaChamber.org, or, to support Orinda schools at OrindaEFO.org.

Humanities West Fireside Chat at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1 at the Orinda Library. Join George Hammond of Humanities West for a fireside chat exploring the historical lives and influence of The Borgias. More information about Humanities West and other events at www.humanitieswest.net.

The Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association (BAHA) will hold its 43rd annual Spring House Tour and Garden Reception from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 6. This year's house tour takes us to Berkeley Woods, the bucolic hilltop tract adjoining Tilden Regional Park. Tour map, illustrated guidebook, and refreshments will be provided. General admission \$45; BAHA members \$35. For tour information and reservations, visit the BAHA website http://berkeleyheritage.com, email baha@berkeleyheritage.com, or call (510) 841-2242.

The 2018 Moraga Community Faire and Car Show will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 12 at the town's Rheem Valley Shopping Center - offering a wonderful opportunity for a "family fun day." Kid's Zone activities include pony rides, climbing wall, bounce house and basketball shoots. Grab a quick lunch at the food trucks, relax with a glass of local wine or beer and check out the over 70 amazing classic cars. Introduce yourself to over 50 local artists, business and organizations. Live entertainment

will be presented all afternoon from the Saint Mary's Jazz Band to local Battle of the Bands winners. For more information, visit www.moragachamber.org/faire.

Taste of Lafayette 5:30 – 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 15 begins at the Bank of the West building with more than 20 restaurants participating for the stroll. A hosted wine and beer reception starts at 5:30 p.m. and the "stroll" begins at 6:30 p.m. when ticket holders head out at their own pace with friends to stop at any or all of the participating restaurants for sampling. Tickets available at www.lafayettechamber.org.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

Lamorinda Republican Women Federated monthly luncheon from 10:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on April 19 at the Orinda Country Club. The speaker is Timothy Donnelly, who is a Republican Candidate running in the primary for Congressional District 8. He has served as an assemblyman in the California State Assembly and has written for Breitbart. Cost of event: luncheon and speaker \$31; speaker only \$15; speaker only student discount \$5. For information please contact Elsie Euing at ejeuing@comcast.net.

GARDEN

Montelindo Garden Club March Meeting (third Friday of every month, September through May) will be at 9 a.m. Friday, April 20 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda. Presentation: The History of Mt. Diablo and its Open Space Preservation by Seth Adams, the Land Conservation Director at Save Mount Diablo. Since 1988, Adams has contributed to SMD's growth into a major force for conservation in the East Bay. Everyone is welcome.

The Lafayette Garden Club will hold its first garden tour in many years from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at a series of five unique, private gardens in Lamorinda. The tour, Artful Gardens, also will include a pop-up market and a plant sale. The tour can give you good ideas of what you might want to do in your garden, to learn about new plants, and to have a fun day out with friends and family. The pop-up market, will offer a wide selection from local artisans featuring jewelry, ceramics, botanical art and specialty food items. The plant sale will include specimens propagated by club members. Tickets cost \$40 or \$35 each when four or more are purchased. lafayettegardenclub.com.

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