

Two new movies open this week in Orinda

By Derek Zembrak



The Orinda Theatre will be screening two new movies on Thursday with an advanced showing of "Deadpool 2" at 7 p.m. "Deadpool 2" is the sequel to the 2016 Twentieth Century Fox blockbuster hit "Deadpool." Ryan Reynolds, who received a Golden Globe nomination for the original, will be reprising his role as Deadpool. After surviving a near fatal bovine attack, a disfigured cafeteria chef (Wade Wilson) struggles to fulfill his dream of becoming Mayberry's hottest bartender while also learning to cope with his lost sense of taste. Searching to regain his spice for life, as well as a flux capacitor, Wade must battle ninjas, the Yakuza, and a pack of sexually aggressive canines as he journeys around the world to discover the importance of family, friendship, and flavor – finding a new taste for adventure and earning the coveted coffee mug title of World's Best Lover.

If "Deadpool 2" is half as good as the original, it will be worth seeing.



Also, starting this Friday is the star-studded film, "Book Club."

Diane (Diane Keaton) is recently widowed after 40 years of marriage. Vivian (Jane Fonda) enjoys her men with no strings attached. Sharon (Candice Bergen) is still working through a decades-old divorce. Carol's (Mary Steenburgen) marriage is in a slump after 35 years. Their lives are turned upside down to hilarious ends when their book club tackles the infamous "Fifty Shades of Grey." From discovering new romance to rekindling old flames, they inspire each other to make their next chapter the best chapter. The movie co-stars Andy Garcia, Craig T. Nelson, Don Johnson, Ed Begely Jr., Alicia Silverstone and Oscar winner ("The Goodbye Girl") and 2010 California Independent Film Festival Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Richard Dreyfuss.

See you at the movies!

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May 18	May 25
In the beginning was GEORGE CHAFFEY a founding father of LMSR. Now hear the rest of his story of his elaborate lifestyle.	4-way Speech Contest
Join us, there's a project happening that needs you!	

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.

May 17: Four-Way Test Speech contest.	May 24: Steve King: 2018 Trends
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Lafayette Chamber is having a mixer 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23 at Premier Kitchens 3373 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette. Free to members and those interested on becoming a member.

Contra Costa Tale Spinners from 7 to 9 p.m. on May 24 at the Orinda Library. Contra Costa Tale Spinners is storytelling for adults, told live and without notes. Everyone is welcome to this informal open mic, whether you want to tell a story or just listen. Adults and teens 13 and up will enjoy stories old and new - personal, traditional, historical, original and literary. The (optional) theme for this month is "Discovery!"

The City of Orinda is hosting a Pan-Asian Arts Festival this Memorial Day weekend, May 26 and 27 at the Orinda Community Center and Orinda Library. The two-day celebration, part of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, is free of charge and features programs for all ages. The festivities include a Chinese lion dance, Asian art exhibits, Bollywood dancing, Japanese

animated films, Henna hand painting, Gamelan dance, food trucks and Mochi-making. More information and a full schedule of events is available at <http://friendsoftheorindalibrary.org/2018/04/03/pan-asian-arts-festival/>

Oakmont Memorial Park and Mortuary will host a Memorial Day Patriotic Remembrance at 11 a.m. on May 28 to pay tribute to the valiant men and women who have protected our freedom by serving in the military. This is a free and family-friendly community event open to the entire public. Following the program food and refreshments will be provided for all. Oakmont Memorial Park and Mortuary, 2099 Reliez Valley Road, Lafayette.

Orinda Library Writers Group from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on May 29 at the Orinda Library, Group Study Room A. Meet with a friendly group of beginning writers in a supportive environment to motivate, critique and inspire one another. Share two pages of your writing (any genre) and get feedback from the group.

Join the LOPC breakfast speakers group at 7 a.m. on May 30 for

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"Breakfast with Jim Barnett- commentator for Golden State Warriors" Date and time subject to change. RSVP to Janet@LOPC.org or call (925) 283-8722.

Many Faces of Skin Cancers from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on May 30 at the Lafayette Library Community Room. Join an engaging panel of medical experts including Drs. Kelly Hood, MD, Arash Mohebbati, Susan Kao and Christine Chung, as they offer insights into the latest information on prevention, risk factors, new treatment options, and explore the unique issues of skin cancer survivors. Reservations recommended, call (925) 677-5041.

Wine Tasting to Benefit Family Builders from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on May 31 at Wine Thieves - 3401 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Cost: \$40. Ticket Purchase: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-builders-wine-tasting-benefit-tickets-44393389824>

Come break all the rules at the "Night at the Library" – includes cocktails, vino, silent Disco (?!?) and fun around every corner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2 in the stacks of the Lafayette Li-

brary. Immerse yourself in merriment, while supporting the library and its programs. www.LLLCF.org/Night2018

Lamorinda Village Travel Series: Just Cruising! at 1 p.m. on June 5 at LOPC, 49 Knox Dr., call (925) 283-3500 to register. New trends are making cruises more attractive than ever. Ron Hermanson from Cruise Holidays will share ideas and options for cruise travel. Learn about river cruises exploring new destinations, great rivers of Europe, ship/cruise descriptions and accommodations, advantages of river cruising (vs. other methods of travel) and more! Free for Lamorinda Village members; \$5 donation is appreciated for nonmembers.

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Facing Aging or Chronic Illness from 1 to 2 p.m. on May 23 in the Orinda Library, Group Study Room A. Face aging or chronic illness through awakening your spirit of creativity. Explore artistic expression with local artist, Felicia Morris, as a way to move with greater awareness and love through life's challenges.

Contra Costa County Community Warning System - How to Receive Emergency Notifications by Vincent Martinez, Senior Emergency Planning Coordinator from 10:30 a.m. to noon on May 24 in the Cedar Room, Lafayette Community Center. Contra Costa's Community Warning System (CWS) is an all-hazards integrated system designed to warn and inform residents about an emergency or disaster and the protective action residents need to take to stay safe. Learn about the various methods of notification and how to register to receive them. Free.

Cut the Cable Cord (And Possibly Your Cable Bill!) by Orlando Guzman, Technology Guru with the Lafayette Library from 10:30 to noon on May 31 in the Cedar Room at the Lafayette Community Center. Streaming media services abound, but what are they? How do they work? It's not easy untangling your choices. Let Orlando shed some light on smart TVs and streaming media services, and help you make choices that might decrease or eliminate your cable bill altogether! Members Free; Non-Members \$10.

Cal Shakes summer conservatory at Saint Mary's College

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Engle knows how the campus is so welcoming and beautiful in summer, several camps are run there, a lot of events are booked such as weddings and seminars and the theater facility is not fully in use during those months, so some summer programing with Cal Shakes was a good match.

Summer conservatory is for children 8 to 18, it is led by five teaching artists with a cohort of students. All the teachers are professional artists and each has a student assistant. Cal Shakes hired the teaching assistants and a number of SMC students were

hired for these positions.

Engle noted that this provides an opportunity for students to work with a master teacher, improve their craft while acquiring hands-on pedagogical skills, something she felt will help them with other opportunities. She sees American actors who can "do" Shakespeare as an elite, belonging to a specialized desirable niche.

When the program was announced it was immediately sold out and dates were added, another mark of the attractiveness of this educational offer.

Both Engler and Worsley highlighted the alignment of values of both institutions; their common desire to reach a diverse community and creating theater that speaks to 21st century audiences. Last year, both Cal Shakes and Saint Mary's Theater programed a play by Oakland-native contemporary playwright Marcus Gardley, "black Odyssey" by Cal Shakes in the Bruns Amphitheater in Orinda, and "and Jesus Moonwalks the Mississippi" at Saint Mary's. "There was a natural deep resonance between how we train young theater artists and

what they (Cal Shakes) are doing," said Engler. It would not be

surprising to see more collaboration in the future.

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