

Magic returns to the Rheem Theatre for two shows on Sept. 22

By Derek Zemrak



Timothy James Photo provided

Time flies when magic is involved. It has been over a year since illusionist Timothy James has performed at the Rheem Theatre in Moraga. James' shows in 2017 amazed Lamorinda residents with six sell-out performances. His sleight-of-hand artistry, knack for reading thoughts, predicting futures, and uncovering strange coincidences that defy explanation, will astonish all in attendance.

James has performed for Fortune 500 companies, cruise ships, comedy clubs and performing art centers across the country. He's also entertained celebrities such as Oscar-winning actress Geena Davis, movie star Shia LaBeouf, Journey bass guitarist Ross Valory, and the Oakland A's.

He is the winner of numerous awards for sleight of hand and variety entertainment including the Lance Burton Award of Excellence from the World Magic Seminar in Las Vegas.

Get ready for an unbelievable, hilarious evening with James. The 6 p.m. show is for the younger kids and the youngest at heart, while the 8 p.m. show will be geared toward teens and above. Both shows will be fun for the whole family. Tickets can be purchased at the Rheem Theatre box-office or online at www.lamorindatheatres.com.

"The House with a Clock in Its Walls" starts this week at the Rheem Theatre with a preview screening at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. The movie is based on a Gothic horror children's novel first published in 1978. Lewis Barnavelt, after losing his parents, is sent to Michigan to live with his Uncle Jonathan. He discovers his uncle is a warlock and Lewis enters a world of magic and sorcery. But this power is not limited to good people: Lewis learns of Isaac Izard, an evil wizard who wanted to cause the Apocalypse so that he could see what happened afterward. To do this, he constructed a magical clock using black magic that will keep ticking until it reaches Doomsday. The wizard died before he could finish the clock, but he hid it in his house, which is where Uncle Jonathan and Lewis now live. They must find the clock before it's too late and before Isaac's wife, Selena, finds it.

"The House with a Clock in Its Walls" is rated PG and is a perfect Halloween movie for all ages!



◆ Not to be missed

OTHER... continued

The Many Faces of Prostate Cancer from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 27 in the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Community Room. Come and experience an event focusing on the unique issues of prostate cancer patients. Join an engaging panel of medical experts who will discuss the latest information regarding ongoing screening, risk factors, and advances in treatment. Q & A session to follow presentation. Space is limited, advanced registration is required. RSVP to Shayna at (925) 677-5041 x272 or sjung@dvohtm.com.

Lafayette Juniors 25th Annual Rummage Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Dr., Lafayette. Special Early Bird Entrance fee of \$5 per adult from 7 to 8 a.m. Pre-loved designer clothes, baby and kid clothes, toys, children's gear, furniture, household goods, and much more. Cash and credit cards accepted. All sale proceeds benefit local non-profits that serve children, families, and communities in need. Visit www.lafayettejuniors.org for more information.

The UC Theatre Taube Family Music Hall presents "Teton Gravity Research: Far Out" at 6:45 and 9:15 p.m. on Oct. 12 at The UC Theatre Taube Family Music Hall, 2036 University Avenue, Berkeley. Join Teton Gravity Research for the winter kickoff party of the year, a one-night only premiere of TGR's new ski and snowboard film, "Far Out," presented by REI. Cost: \$18 - 20. For more info see <https://www.theuc theatre.org/event/1759412-teton-gravity-research-far-berkeley/> or call (510) 356-4000 or email information@theuc theatre.org.

The Lamorinda branch of AAUW will hold its 5th Annual Tech Trek Shred Fest, a secure pulverized paper shredding event. Shred papers on site from 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 13 at 5A Rent-a-Space, 455 Moraga Road, Moraga. \$9 per file box; Keep your boxes.

◆ Not to be missed

Middle Eastern Festival 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23 at St. John the Evangelist Orthodox Church, 501 Moraga Way, Orinda. Food, games, live entertainment, folk dancing, crafts, Middle Eastern heritage exhibits and more. Entrance fee: adults \$2; children under 12 free. For information, visit www.stjohnorinda.org or call (925) 258-4255.

Serbian Food Festival from noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 at Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church 1700 School Street, Moraga. Live Serbian Music, delicious homemade pastries and a bounce house for the kids.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

Catharine Baker, the 16th Assembly District Representative, will be the LRWF Monthly Speaker at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Orinda Country Club. Baker is a Republican Assembly person serving since 2014 for the Lamorinda and Tri-Valley areas. This talk will be highly informative and offers a chance to hear about the changing dynamics of the Golden State's politics firsthand. Luncheon and program: \$31 For more information regarding this event www.lamorindarepublicanwomen.org/ or <https://www.facebook.com/Lamorinda-Republican-Women-Federated-136134033113066/>

The Lafayette Homeowners Council (LHC) is sponsoring its yearly Candidates Night at 7 p.m. on Sept. 20 at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Hall at 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. All residents are welcome! This year five candidates will be on the November ballot for just two City Council positions. Each candidate will have five minutes to introduce themselves and speak regarding their individual positions on various issues regarding our City. After each of the candidates have spoken, members of the audience will be able to ask questions of any candidate. The meeting will also include a brief "Annual Meeting" agenda by the LHC and the group also hopes to hear from the Lafayette mayor. www.LafayetteHomeowners-Council.org

Moraga's Candidates Night from 7 to 8:30 pm. on Oct. 3 at the Holy Trinity Serbian Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Come meet the three Moraga Town Council Candidates - Mike McCluer, Dave Trotter and Steve Woehleke - and hear them speak on important issues. Bring your questions or submit your questions to MCN94556@gmail.com. This free event is sponsored by the Moraga Citizens Network.

In an effort to bring clarity to your thoughts so that your well-informed vote can be cast on Nov. 6, the Orinda Moraga Lafayette (OML) branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host an impartial, informational presentation moderated by the Diablo Valley League of Women Voters (LWV) at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda.

SENIORS

"Free Digital Materials and Services Through the Library - What They Are and How to Access Them," presented at the Lafayette Community Center from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Sept. 27 in the Elderberry Room. E-books, digital magazines, language learning, museum passes, streaming movies (including classics and documentaries). The library has so much to offer! Learn how to access the multitude of free materials and services - all from the comfort of your own home. Free. To reserve your spot, contact Lafayette Senior Services: Seniors@LoveLafayette.org or (925) 284-5050.

Cooking: Farmers' Market to Harvest Meal - Byron Park Dining Services Team from 2 to 4 p.m. on Oct. 11 at Byron Park, 1700 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. There is nothing quite like a meal created from farm-fresh, in-season ingredients. In this demonstration-style class, learn how easy and enjoyable it is to visit your local farmers' market or produce stand in the morning and create a delicious and healthful menu for that night's meal using all those fresh ingredients. RSVP to Lafayette Senior Services by Friday, October 5: Seniors@LoveLafayette.org

Come Join the Fun in 2018!
Everyone's Welcome at the 24th Annual

Middle Eastern Festival

FREE ADMISSION with this Ad.
(regularly adults \$2.00; children under 12 Free)

Saturday, Sept. 22, 10-8 • Sunday, Sept. 23., 11-7

Sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Orthodox Church
On the Church Grounds at 501 Moraga Way, Orinda

*Fabulous Foods • Live Entertainment • Folk Dancing • Bazaar
Crafts • Book Store • Middle Eastern Heritage Exhibits & Talks
Fun & Games for Children of All Ages*

For information: www.stjohnorinda.org - or call 925-258-4255

Service Clubs Announcements

LAMORINDA SUNRISE Rotary
Friends, Fun, Service Above Self

Breakfast, Friday 7:00 a.m.
The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa,
Mt. Diablo Blvd.
www.lamorindasunrise.com
or email lamorindasunrise@gmail.com

September 21	September 28
Young Women of STEM	Exposé ! Skip McCowan reveals all, mostly.
Welcome autumn, hues of gold and orange.	

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.

September 20: Joe Di Prisco: The Simpson Family Literary Project	September 27: Joanna Krause "Writing From Your Life"
---	--

www.rotarylafayette.org
www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Lafayette-CA

◆ Not to be missed

or (925) 284-5050. \$10 credit card deposit required to hold your spot. Members: Free; Non-members: \$10.

GARDEN

The Moraga Garden Club will hold its next meeting at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. The guest speaker will be Steve Lambert of Garden Lights Landscape. Interested parties are welcome to attend the 9:30 a.m. social hour, the 10 a.m. meeting and the presentation by Steve Lambert, immediately following the meeting.

The Montelindo Garden club's September meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Sept. 21 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Community Hall. Presentation: "Designing with Palms," with speaker Jason Dawees. Dawees is the author of the book

"Designing with Palms," released in 2018. He is the horticulturalist and palm expert at Flora Grubb Gardens in San Francisco. His book will be available for purchase. www.montelindogarden.com

Lafayette Community Garden and Outdoor Learning Center 7th Annual Harvest Fest from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 23 at the Lafayette Community Garden. There will be garden tours, talks, music, scarecrow building, art card decoration, food and drink and other activities to welcome the fall season. Free.

Please submit events:
calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

Lamorinda Weekly

is an independent publication, produced by and for the residents of Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda, CA
26,600 printed copies, delivered to homes & businesses in Lamorinda.

Contact us:
Letters to the editor (max 350 words): letters@lamorindaweekly.com
Delivery issues: homedelivery@lamorindaweekly.com
Event listings: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com
Business press releases: storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com
General interest stories/Community Service: storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com
School stories/events: storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com
Sport events/stories/pictures: sportsdesk@lamorindaweekly.com
Publishers/Owners: Andy and Wendy Scheck; andy@lamorindaweekly.com, wendy@lamorindaweekly.com
Editor: Jennifer Wake; jennifer@lamorindaweekly.com
Copy Editor: Nick Marnell; nick@lamorindaweekly.com
Sports Editor: sportsdesk@lamorindaweekly.com
Advertising: 925-377-0977, Wendy Scheck; wendy@lamorindaweekly.com
Staff Writers:
Sophie Braccini; sophie@lamorindaweekly.com,
Cathy Dausman; cathy.d@lamorindaweekly.com,
Pippa Fisher; pippa@lamorindaweekly.com,
Nick Marnell; nick@lamorindaweekly.com,
John T. Miller; john@lamorindaweekly.com,
Sora O'Doherty; Sora@lamorindaweekly.com,
Digging Deep: Cynthia Brian; cynthia@lamorindaweekly.com
Thoughtful Food: Susie Iventosch; suziventosch@gmail.com
Contributing Writers:
Conrad Bassett, Diane Claytor, Michele Duffy, Amanda Eck, Lou Fancher, Fran Miller, Jenn Freedman, Mona Miller, Kara Navolio, Victor Ryerson, Moya Stone, Jon Kingdon, Derek Zemrak
Calendar Editor: jaya@lamorindaweekly.com
Photos: Tod Fierner, Gint Federas
Layout/Graphics: Andy Scheck. Printed in CA.
Mailing address:
Lamorinda Weekly, P.O. Box 6133, Moraga, CA 94570-6133
Phone: 925-377-0977; Fax: 925-263-9223; email: info@lamorindaweekly.com
website: www.lamorindaweekly.com