

Broadway Star Carolee Carmello – Live at the Orinda



Carolee Carmello

Photo provided

Submitted by Michael Williams

Three-time Tony Award nominee Carolee Carmello will make a rare appearance Feb. 17 in her long-awaited Bay Area concert debut at the

Orinda Theatre. In an illustrious career that has spanned over two decades, Carmello has been honored with three Tony Award nominations and has appeared in 14 Broadway musicals. Her most recent Broadway roles include Mae

Tuck in “Tuck Everlasting” and Mrs. du Maurier in “Finding Neverland” with Matthew Morrison and Kelsey Grammar for which she earned Tony and Drama Desk nominations.

Carmello says she will be singing lots of songs from shows she’s done on Broadway and Off, but will also be singing the song that made her fall in love with theater in her college dorm production of “Oliver!” She will also be telling stories about the experiences she’s had along the way.

Some of Carmello’s other starring roles include “Sister Act,” “The Addams Family” (Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle nominations), Elton John’s “Lestat” (Tony and Drama Desk nominations), Stephen Sondheim’s “Sweeney Todd” and “Mamma Mia!”

For tickets and more information, visit www.lamorindatheatres.com or call (925) 254-9065.

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KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS ... continued

Contra Costa Camp and School Fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24 at Acalanes High School, with free activities and over 100 exhibitors allowing attendees to view a smorgasbord of camps, enrichment programs, schools, S.T.E.M. and S.T.E.A.M. programs, performing arts, preschools, cooking, educational, sports and other programs available this spring and summer. Admission is free and there is ample free parking. Call (925) 408-4014 or visit www.ContraCostaCampFair.com for more information or to register for a free family ticket.

The 2019 Bookmark Contest sponsored by the Friends of the Lafayette Library & Learning Center will be open to all Lafayette students grades K-8th to enter their original artwork. The entry forms will be available beginning February 15 at the Lafayette Library main desk, the Friends Corner Book Shop and at school libraries in the Lafayette School District and St. Perpetua School. The entry deadline is Friday, March 8. For more information please contact Kay Pekrul: kae865@hotmail.com.

In conjunction with Saint Mary’s College and the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette branch of the American Association of University Women, the Expanding Your Horizons STEAM full day conference for middle school girls on March 23 will open registration Jan. 24. This conference fills up quickly and is limited to 200 girls in sixth to eighth grade on a “first come, first served” basis. For details and registration visit www.expandingyourhorizons.org/conferences/AUWSAINTMARYS/.

OTHER

KPFA Radio 94.1 FM presents Robert B. Reich: The Common Good from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. Robert Reich will discuss his new book, “The Common Good,” answer questions and sign books. Hosted by Kathryn Horsley. Cost: \$12 advance, \$15 door. For more info see- <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3918567> or call (510) 967-4495.

The seventh Creating A Peaceful School conference will take place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 at Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center, 1035 Carol Lane in Lafayette. The year’s conference topic, “Building Bridges Not Walls,” provides a daylong op-

portunity to explore how we can use our school and classroom practices to identify tools and resources for enhancing peace, understanding and communication in our diverse communities and will feature keynote speaker Lauren Markham, a local educator, activist and author. The conference is for everyone who works with children and youth in grades K-12: including parents, teachers, administrators, classroom aides, school personnel, after-school program providers and the students themselves. Cost: \$50 (or \$10 for high school and undergraduate college students). Refreshments and lunch included. Register at <https://creatingpeacefulschools.weebly.com/upcoming-events.html> or find link at <http://ourpeacecenter.org>. For info, call (925) 933-7850 or emailmargli@ourpeacecenter.org.

Join dozens of Jewish women and girls ages 12 and up from Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda for an evening of Jewish pride, unity and inspiration as they learn to bake delicious Challah at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 19 at Chabad of Lamorinda, 3574 Mount Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. Cost is \$20 if you register before Feb. 12. Mother and daughter team \$36. Please register at ChabadofLamorinda.com/Challah. Questions or comments? Call (925) 384-7242 or email: Challah@ChabadofLamorinda.com.

“Let’s Talk About the Most Common Female Urologic Conditions” from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 28, at the Lafayette Library’s Community Room, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. Join an engaging panel of medical experts as they discuss the most common urologic conditions experienced by women. This special event will explore the latest treatment options and provide insights into female incontinence, overactive bladder, pelvic organ prolapse, menopause and postmenopausal symptoms. Speakers include a urogynecologist, continence specialist, gynecologist and menopause specialist. Register by emailing: sjung@dvothmg.com.

Free Tax preparation for the 2019 tax season is available starting in February from AARP’s Tax-Aide and United Way’s Earn It, Keep It, Save It (EKS) programs. Service is provided by volunteer tax preparers who are IRS trained and certified. EKS service is limited to those with incomes below \$54,000, while Tax-Aide does not have an income limit. For Tax-Aide site information or appointments in Walnut Creek call: (925) 943-5851 for the Walnut Creek Senior Center site; (925)

405-6278 for the Walnut Creek Grace Presbyterian Church site; or (925) 979-5013 for the Walnut Creek St. Paul’s Episcopal Church site. For information on other Tax-Aide sites, call: (925) 726-3199. For information on EKS sites, call 2-1-1 or visit www.earnitkeepsaveit.org.

Lafayette resident, Papa John Kiefer, will, again, offer workshops on “How to Raise Your Own Chickens.” Topics will include raising young chicks, laying hen maintenance, and sustainable coop construction. Workshops are free and will be held in Lafayette from 1 to 3:30 pm on Sundays, March 3 and 17. Reservations are required. Contact: chickenspapa-john@gmail.com. Location provided upon registration.

SENIORS

Elder Abuse Prevention Project from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Feb. 13 in the Toyon Room, Lafayette Community Center. Elder abuse can take many forms including physical, financial and emotional abuse. Do you know someone experiencing elder abuse? Are you interested in learning about available resources in Contra Costa County? The Elder Abuse Prevention Project (EAPP) team will discuss the resources available for seniors and dependent adults who may be experiencing abuse. The presentation will include speakers from the Contra Costa Family Justice Center, Contra Costa Senior Legal Services, Meals on Wheels - Diablo Valley, Employment and Human Services Department and the Contra Costa District Attorney’s Office. Free.

GARDEN

The Moraga Garden Club will hold its next meeting at 9:30 a.m., Feb. 21, at the Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. The guest speaker will be Keith Silva, UC Master Gardener, who will be discussing “Pruning Tools and Techniques.” The event is free and open to all interested parties. Refreshments will be served. For more information, visit moragagardenclub.com.

Walnut Creek Garden Club’s March meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. on March 11, at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Road in Walnut Creek. The featured speaker, Liz Emmonds, will demonstrate how easy it is to manipulate plant materials to create interesting forms to take flower arrangements to a new and exciting level. Please email mslitttle44@gmail.com with any questions.

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

February 6:
Feb 5 Meeting at
Rossmoor Rotary
no regular meeting on Feb. 7

February 14:
Dr. Armando Samaniego
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