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ART

Irenka Kudlicki and Dalia Alekna at Samadian Gallery through December at 23 Orinda Way, Suite 301, Orinda. The exhibit includes engaging abstract paintings by Irenka Kudlicki and alluring pastels by Dalia Alekna. There will be a reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 21.

On view at Saint Mary's College Museum of Art (SMCMoA) through Dec. 8 "Kal Spelletich: Significance Machines and Purposeful Robots" explores boundaries between humans and machines, integrating spirituality and mysticism through an unlikely form – robots. "New Formalism in Painting and Photography" presents the collaborative work of artists R&D (Diane Rosenblum and Joe Doyle) expanding the boundaries of painting and photography through digital manipulations. R&D will speak to their cross-generational artistic process at 6 p.m. on Nov. 21. SMCMoA admission and programs are free for everyone. For information on programming and hours, visit

www.stmarys-ca.edu/museum. "Teachers Have Class," Art Gallery at the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way. The Lamorinda Arts Council is honored to feature the work of current and retired teachers who are also artists during the month of November. Go to www.lamorindaarts.org for more information.

Bedford Gallery 12th Annual Craft Fest from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 16 at Bedford Gallery, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. While they shop, visitors can view our current exhibition, "Off Menu: Contemporary Art about Food." Bedford Gallery Craft Fest features the East Bay's top maker talent, with a prominence of vendors from Contra Costa and Alameda Counties! This mouthwatering show features over a hundred astounding pieces by renowned artists such as Salvador Dali, Wayne Thiebaud and Kenny Scharf. Free.

Grand Reopening of the Moraga Art Gallery - to celebrate its reopening in a spacious, light-filled oasis in the Rheem

Shopping Center, the gallery invites the public to a free reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 23 at 432 Center Street (between Nation's and the Dover Saddlery.) Come to meet more than a dozen artists, both old and new, to sip wine, enjoy snacks, hear live music and admire an assemblage of artwork, some never before displayed in Moraga. For more information, visit the gallery's website: www.moragaart-gallery.com, call (925) 376-5407 or email moragaartgallery@gmail.com.

Valley Art Gallery Holiday Collection for Artful Giving at 1661 Botelho Drive, Suite 110 Walnut Creek. This holiday collection includes a wide variety of jewelry, ceramics, glass, textiles, holiday decorations, small paintings, and many other one-of-a-kind gifts crafted by greater Bay Area artists. A special open house reception is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 16. ValleyArtGallery.org

MUSIC

The UC Alumni Chorus will present "A Mass-Up," a mash-

up of movements from the great Masses at 3 p.m. on Nov. 17 at Hertz Hall on the UC Berkeley campus. Come hear the finest examples of choral writing ever amassed from a thousand years of Eucharist and Requiem Mass settings. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 seniors, and \$10 students. Further information at ucac.net

Musicians at Saint Mary's College of California will perform in the second of five Wednesday Student Recital Series concerts at 1:15 p.m. on Nov. 20 in the Saint Mary's College Chapel. Featured works include Sonatas for Violin and Cello by Grieg, Schubert and Dvorák, chamber music for flute, and various vocal selections. The finale of the program will feature the SMC Chamber Singers and Glee Club. Donations are welcome.

This fall Voci Women's Vocal Ensemble presents "Passion, Joy and Beauty: Britten, Poulenc and Faur," an ambitious program of exquisite 20th century music for women's voices and organ, under the direction of Guest Conductor Robert Wells. Showtimes are at

7:30 p.m. on Nov. 16 at St. Perpetua Catholic Church 3454 Hamlin Road, Lafayette and at 4 p.m. on Nov. 23 at St Paul's Episcopal Church 114 Montecito Avenue, Oakland. Tickets: \$25 suggested donation at the door, \$20 advance, \$15 students, free for children between 6-12. Available at the door; or online from brownpapertickets.com or www.vocisings.org

Pacific Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Conductor Lawrence Kohl, presents a concert production of The Glorious - Handel Messiah with soprano Marnie Breckenridge, and mezzo-soprano Silvie Jensen, tenor Ricky Garcia, and baritone Ben Brady and the Pacific Chamber Orchestra Chorus, Ofer dal Lal Chorus Master. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 30 at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church 24 Knox, Lafayette and at 3 p.m. on Dec. 1 at Bankhead Theatre, 2400 First Street in Livermore. Tickets may be purchased online at www.pacificchamberorchestra.org.

Diablo Women's Chorale Fall concert, "Winter's Light," at 4 p.m. on Dec. 8 at Temple Isaiah, 945 Risa Road, in Lafayette. Backed by live musicians, the chorale will present a program of jazzy, uplifting music to kick off the beginning of the holiday season. Grab your friends and family members and join us as we lighten a winter afternoon with songs from Lisa Loeb, George Michael, Irving Berlin, Phil Spector, and many others. Purchase advance tickets online at www.DiabloWomen'sChorale.org or call 1-800-838-3006.

The Contra Costa Chorale, will present a concert featuring two masters of American music, Leonard Bernstein and Aaron Copland, at 5 p.m. on Dec. 8 at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. \$20 General, \$15 Students/Seniors/Disabled. Children under 12 – free admission. For further information visit our website at www.cchorale.org, email ccochorale@gmail.com, or call (510) 255-5850.

Solo Opera presents a collaboration with Macy's Concord, a fundraiser for their season, entitled The Twelve Days of Christmas at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 14. The event will include breakfast treats, a concert of opera and holiday music featuring soprano Diane Squires, a fashion show, a sing-along, and 12 enter to win prizes! All proceeds benefit Solo Opera, a local non-profit opera company and their 2020 season. Tickets - \$22 at Eventbrite.

THEATER

Orinda Intermediate School Bulldog Theater stages Disney's "Frozen JR.," Dec. 5 - 7 at Orinda Intermediate School, 80 Ivy Drive. This spectacular musical is a heartwarming stage adaptation of the top-grossing animated film of all time. Tickets are \$3-\$10. Visit www.showtix4u.com for show times and tickets. Tickets are also available at the door.

Town Hall Theatre Company presents "Cinderella: A Fairytale" Dec. 7 through 21 at 3535 School Street, Lafayette. There will be previews at 8 p.m. on Dec. 5 and 6. For times, tickets, and prices: BOX OFFICE: (925) 283-1557; www.townhalltheatre.com

KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

Orinda Junior Women's Club announces Youth Ink 2020, an annual Orinda middle-school writing contest to support literary arts in the community. Prizes include a \$250 first prize award! Entry details will be on the Youth Ink 2020 submission forms available online by Dec. 2 at www.orindajuniors.org.

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