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ART

On view at Saint Mary's College Museum of Art 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. 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.

The Lamorinda Arts Council invites writers and artists to participate in their Art Embraces Words program from 2 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 8 at the Lafayette Library. Emerging writers read excerpts from their work surrounded by visual artwork from local artists. In this way art literally "embraces" the spoken word. A reception with light refreshments follows the readings. Go to <https://lamorindaarts.org/art-embraces-words/>, email literary@lamorindaarts.org or call (925) 359-9940 for more information.

Valley Art Gallery presents its 54th Annual Holiday Collection for Artful Giving through Dec. 28. Their 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. In addition, unique sliding walls feature over 300 works in a variety of styles, media and prices by the best Bay Area artists. 1661

Botelho Drive, Suite 110, Walnut Creek. Website and telephone: www.valleyart-gallery.org; (925) 935-4311

MUSIC

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 mu-

sicians, 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.DiabloWomensChorale.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. For further information visit our website at www.cchorale.org, email cochorale@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 nonprofit opera company and their 2020 season. Tickets - \$22 at Eventbrite.

WomenSing presents The Light of Hope Returning at 8 p.m. on Dec. 11 at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church 1601 Mary Dr., Pleasant Hill and at 4 p.m. on Dec. 15 at Temple Sinai 2808 Summit Street, Oakland. \$10-\$28. Tickets: <https://lightofhope-pleasanthill.brownpapertickets.com>; <https://lightofhopeoakland.brownpapertickets.com>

The singing and ringing choirs of Our Savior's Lutheran Church present their annual Christmas concert at 4 p.m. on Dec. 15. "Faith, Fun, and a Feast" includes a little religious Christmas music, a lot of popular Christmas music, and ends with "A Feast of Carols," composed by Randol Alan Bass for the Dallas Symphony and Symphony Chorus. 1035 Carol Lane in Lafayette; free admission/freewill offering taken, with half the proceeds going to Contra Costa Interfaith Housing, helping the homeless find permanent homes.

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. 7-21 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

Celebrate the holiday season with The Peter Pan Foundation's original holiday show, "Twas the Opening Night before Christmas" Dec. 14 and 15 at Diablo Valley College, 321 Golf Club Rd. Pleasant Hill. This seasons production includes a cast of more than 100 performers ages eight to adult. Its original story and music tells the heartwarming story of love, hope and holiday cheer the whole family will enjoy. Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$15 for youth 18 and under. For tickets and showtimes visit www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4421286.

LECTURE & LITERATURE

Orinda Books presents Alex Counts at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 5. Alex Counts will introduce his new book, "Changing the World without Losing Your Mind: Leadership Lessons from Three Decades of Social Entrepreneurship." Drawing on his decades of experience as an acclaimed nonprofit leader, he offers practical advice on such vital activities as fundraising, team-building, communications, and management.

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