

Lamorinda Idol Finals come to a close in climactic fashion



Photos Dan Klein



Audience Award -- Mia Polichio



Solo K-2 -- Kayla Resnick

An amazing array of performers graced the Orinda Theatre on Aug. 20 to participate in the much anticipated annual Lamorinda Idol Finals.

"All of our Finalists rose to new heights and gave marvelous performances. The sound, lighting, and video quality was first class. And all the other aspects of the day flowed smoothly," said Lamorinda Idol chair Steve Harwood. "Our Lamorinda Idol 2023 program started with our team of audition judges scoring auditioners. This was especially challenging because we had such a depth of high-quality singers auditioning, and there were twice as many as could accommodate as finalists. Thank you, Tosca Maltzman, Ron Rawson, Rick Starbuck, Daphne Stoermer, Jac Garrell, Sue Farmer, Linda Cohen, Jocie Purcell, and Pam Whitman."

In addition to an army of volunteers who helped make this event possible, three individuals – Co-Chairs, June Lim, Bonnie Kim, and Rodger Morris – were called out by Harwood for their big lift for the finals, attending to every detail. A long list of judges were also recognized for their time. "I thought our judges were some of the best we've ever had, all of them with very thoughtful, substantive feedback for our singers. Thank you: David Pinkham, Raz Kennedy, Teresa Kali, Laurie Roldan, Tielle Baker, Marilyn Levison, Jocie Purcell, Chad Somers, and Lleyton Allen."

Harwood said he had mixed feelings about having winners in the program,

"since each of the performers was a winner." But we do have winners, he said in an email, and here they are:

K-2 Solo	Kayla Resnick
3-5 Solo	Keenan Moran
6-8 Solo	Bella Verrico
9-12 Solo	Clea Lee
K-5 Groups	Colara Cara Impallomeni Colette Goodman Loud and Proud
6-8 Groups	Palig Horoupian Alexis Lee
9-12 Groups VI	Alec Home Mina Lim Gavin Juni Burl Hall Kate Bertenthal Katie Welch
Audience Award:	Mia Polichio

Some of the finalists will be performing at the Orinda Classic Car Show on Sept. 9, and then some of the finalists will perform at the Lafayette Art and Wine Festival on Sept. 23.

"When you look at the entire program, you realize how much effort went into making it successful," Harwood said. "But boy, is it worth it. This is the good stuff of life." - J. Wake

Classic Car Show features massive 'Land Yachts' that focus on 'smiles per gallon'

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After a five-decade career as a professional photographer working on car collections, Toy is no stranger to auto shows, so he must have found it hard to choose between his eight vintage cars – five Cadillacs, two Eldorados and one Nash Metro – when it came to "showing up and showing off" at the event.

Perhaps he's not quite in Jay Leno's class (the TV host owns over 180 autos and 160 motorcycles) but Toy likes to say, "Jay makes me feel normal."

Toy had an excellent mechanic for many years but after he passed on, Toy decided to work on the car himself,

which he finds both satisfactory and rewarding. He says that working out the finer points of "reverse engineering" keeps him young.

He uses the same theory on his fleet of vehicles, his mantra being "use it or lose it," and so he drives each of his cars for a week or so before moving onto the next one, which keeps everything humming.

Toy doesn't worry about gas gauges or mpg: he checks on the gas by opening the cap and shaking the car to hear "how much splash is in the tank."

"All I know," he says, "is that it gives me smiles per gallon on premium, which is all I need."



Phil Toy with his white 1959 Cadillac Convertible, Series 62 Photo Sora O'Doherty

Hollie's Homegrown prides itself on offering local artisan products

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"I grow most of the herbs that go into my products," Lucas-Alcalay said. "The rest I get from relationships that I've made through the farmers' markets."

The shop also sells aprons, coasters, wine glasses, appetizer/party crockery, candles, jewelry and even doggie treats. "I sell items from 26 local arti-

sans, and 23 of them are from Lamorinda," Lucas-Alcalay explained. "We're very careful about who we allow to join us in the store. Some are first-time producers, and most of them are women. It's so important to support local businesses, and local business profits go back to the community."

Hollie's Homegrown doesn't have a huge marketing budget, and relies on word of

mouth, "but I enjoy giving business advice to first-time craftspeople," Lucas-Alcalay said. To that end, she has begun to offer "classes" in-store with a varying range of participatory activities. Rosé All Day involves wine sampling, wine education and food pairing to go with it, and she offers classes in making seasoning salts using her herbs, lessons in herb-infused olive oil and vinegars and in-

struction in making bath and body products. She also invites other artisans to give classes in things like watercolor art or glass-making.

Hollie's Homegrown's latest event is a monthly California High Tea held every last Sunday of the month. After living in England for two years, Lucas-Alcalay, who's a tea drinker, enjoyed the tradition. Serving sweets and savories

made by local bakers and caterers, she calls it "California" as opposed to "English" in order to give a nod to her California/Lamorinda sources.

Hollie's Homegrown is located at 998 Moraga Rd., Lafayette. For more information visit: Hollieshomegrown.com or call (925) 385-0732.

Public Safety

Emergency response:
Emergency: 24 Hours 911
Police Dispatch: 24 Hours
925-284-5010

Nixle: Text your zip code to 888777 or go to www.nixle.com

Lafayette Police Department:
3471 Mt. Diablo Blvd. 925-283-3680
Chief of Police, Ben Alldritt
925-299-3221

Police Department Tip Line
94549Tip@gmail.com

Police Department Traffic Issues
94549Traffic@gmail.com

Moraga Police Department:
329 Rheem Blvd., 925-888-7055
Chief of Police, Jon King ext. 7049

Orinda Police Department:
22 Orinda Way 925-254-6820
Chief of Police, Ryan Sullivan
925-254-6820

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Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report

Aug. 6 - Aug. 19

Alarms	47
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	10
Traffic	46
Suspicious Circumstances	7
Suspicious Subject	22
Suspicious Vehicle	10
Service to Citizen	33
Patrol Req./Security Check	36
Public/School Assembly Check	5
Supplemental Report	21
Vacation House Check	20
Welfare Check	19
Ordinance Violation	2
Vehicle violations	
Auto Burglary	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
500 Block Merriewood Dr.	
3600 Block Highland Rd.	
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	
Dewing Ave./Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd.	
Happy Valley Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3900 Block Los Arabis Dr.	
Reckless Driving	
Olympic Blvd./Pleasant Hill Rd.	

Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Happy Valley Rd./Deer Hill Rd.

Tc - Fire And Amb Enroute
Stanley Blvd./Camino Diablo

Mt. Diablo Blvd./Brown Ave.

Tc - Minor Injuries
600 Block Moraga Rd.

Tc - Property Damage
900 Block Dewing Ave.

900 Block Moraga Rd.
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Moraga Rd.

Overhill Rd./Moraga Way, Ori

900 Block Dewing Ave.

Vehicle Theft
1700 Block Ivanhoe Ave.

3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Other criminal activity

Forgery
3100 Block Lucas Dr.

Fraud Credit Card
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Fraud False Pretenses
700 Block Moraga Rd.

Grand Theft
1000 Block Carol Ln.

900 Block Moraga Rd.

Identity Theft
900 Block Brown Ave.

600 Block Doreen Way

Panhandling
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)

Petty Theft
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Ct.

900 Block Moraga Rd.

1700 Block Reliez Valley Rd.

3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

900 Block Dewing Ave.

10 Block Moss Ln.

3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Sierra Vista Way/Deer Hill Rd.

4000 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

1000 Block Aileen St.

1700 Block Reliez Valley Rd.

1000 Block Aileen St.

30 Block Crest Rd.

Shoplift
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (8)

3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Nuisance to the Community

Disturbance-domestic
10 Block Rimrock Rd.

Loud Party
1200 Block Monticello Rd.

Broadmoor Ct./St Marys Rd.

1000 Block Carol Ln.

4000 Block Fiora Pl.

10 Block W Arbor Way

30 Block Sanford Ln.

3300 Block Las Huertas Rd.

3400 Block St Marys Rd.

900 Block Dewing Ave.

10 Block Dollis Park Rd.

Public Nuisance
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Highland Rd./Sundale Rd.

Vandalism
Police Department

Other

Dependant Adult Abuse - Financial
800 Block Moraga Rd. (2)

Harassment
1000 Block Miller Dr.

Loitering
Highland Rd./Sundale Rd.

Other Felony
1000 Block N Thompson Rd.

Threats
3200 Block Withers Ave.

Trespass
1000 Block Carol Ln.

3200 Block Elvia St

Unwanted Guest
1000 Block Carol Ln.

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report

Aug. 8 - Aug. 21

Alarms	21
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	6
Traffic	67
Suspicious Circumstances	3
Suspicious Subject	3
Suspicious Vehicle	7
Service to Citizen	29
Patrol Req./Security Check	12
Public/School Assembly Check	4
Supplemental Report	3
Vacation House Check	1
Welfare Check	1
Ordinance Violation	2
Vehicle violations	
Accident Property	
50 Block Ashbrook Pl.	
Auto Burglary	
600 Block Rheem Blvd.	
Excessive Speed	
Moraga Way/Ivy Dr. (2)	
Rheem Blvd./Fayhill Dr.	
Moraga Way/St Andrews Dr. (3)	
Moraga Way/School St.	
Moraga Way/Coral Dr., Ori	
Moraga Way/Moraga Rd. (3)	
Lucas Dr./Moraga Rd.	
Camino Recardo/Moraga Way	
St Andrews Dr./Country Club Dr.	
Reckless Driving	
Moraga Rd./Devin Dr.	
Canyon Rd./Camino Pablo	
Tc - Fire And Amb Enroute	



Moraga Way/Villa Ln.
Tc - Property Damage
Rheem Theater

Other criminal activity

Fraud False Pretenses
100 Block Greenbriar

Identity Theft
300 Block Constance Pl.

Petty Theft
1900 Block Ascot Dr.

Robbery Strongarm
Safeway

Nuisance to the Community

Disturbance-domestic
10 Block Kendall Cir.

Disturbing The Peace
100 Block Donald Dr.

Drunk In Public
400 Block Center St.

Safeway

Loud Music
1000 Block Camino Pablo

300 Block Calle La Montana

Calle La Montana/Campolindo Dr.

Loud Party
200 Block Draeger Dr.

Donald Dr./Moraga Rd.

Public Nuisance
Moraga Rd./Moraga Way

Other

Loitering
Ross Dr./Larch Ave.

Mentally Ill Commit
60 Block Shuey Dr.

40 Block Williams Dr.

Other Felony
10 Block Francisca Dr.

Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report

Aug. 6 - Aug. 19

Alarms	58
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	10
Traffic	74
Suspicious Circumstances	6
Suspicious Subject	3
Suspicious Vehicle	3
Service to Citizen	53
Patrol Req./Security Check	18
Public/School Assembly Check	0
Supplemental Report	19
Vacation House Check	0

Welfare Check 4

Vehicle violations

Accident Property
100 Block Crest View Dr.

Dui Misd
Miner Rd./Bien Venida

Hit And Run Misdemeanor
Glorietta Blvd./Virginia Dr.

Reckless Driving
Moraga Way/Meadowlands Ct.

Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd. (2)

Camino Pablo/Bear Creek Rd.

El Toyonal/Camino Pablo

St Stephens Dr.

Valley View Dr./Moraga Way

Vehicle Theft
60 Block Brookwood Rd.

30 Block Brookside Rd.

Other criminal activity

Burglary
300 Block Glorietta Blvd.

Commercial Burglary
Camino Pablo

Camino Sobrante

Fraud False Pretenses
40 Block Diablo View Dr.

Identity Theft
Not Available

10 Block Aspinwall Ct.

100 Block Manzanita Dr.

Petty Theft
300 Block Village Sq

20 Block Bryant Way (2)

Nuisance to the Community

Loud Noise
300 Block El Toyonal

Loud Party
10 Block Carisbrook Dr.

40 Block Haciendas Rd.

Woodland Rd./Valley View Dr.

Public Nuisance
10 Block La Cuesta Rd.

Vandalism
St Stephens Dr.

St Stephens Episcopal Church

Vandalism - Felony
Moraga Way

50 Block Barbara Rd.

Other

Checks Non Suff Funds
Police Department

Failure To Obey
Wb 24

Mentally Ill Commit
Not Available

40 Block El Gavilan Rd.

Revoked License
Orinda Way

Tamper With Vehicle
70 Block Moraga Via

Unwanted Guest
10 Block Lost Valley Dr.