

Not to be missed

Art

The Moraga Art Gallery, located at 432 Center Street in the Rheem Shopping Center, announces the opening of its 2023 "holiday" exhibit "Now and Then," a striking array of artwork by more than two dozen member and guest artists, and featuring paintings by two of the gallery's favorites: Susan Erickson and Margaret Lucas-Hill. The exhibit runs from Wednesday, Oct. 25 until Dec. 31. Free gala reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18. By Dec. 1, the gallery will be bursting with an array of original gifts of art and will be open daily from noon to 5 p.m. Take note that on Thursday, Dec. 14 from 6-8 p.m., the gallery has invited the public to "Shopping Night and Craft Beer," a festive mid-week beer-tasting event with appropriate foodstuffs and holiday entertainment. www.moragaartgallery.com or call (925)376-5407.

Art that rocks and rolls at Valley Art Gallery. Among the hills. Over bridges. Along beaches and beside bays. Up mountains and down towns. Until Nov. 11. Valley Art Gallery, 1661 Botelho Drive, Suite 110, Walnut Creek. (925) 935-4311, Tuesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Art Gallery at the Orinda Library: Plein Air Painting by The Glover Group & Friends. The Lamorinda Arts Council celebrates the beauty of nature with paintings by 17 artists from The Glover Group & Friends through Nov. 3 in the Art Gallery at the Orinda Library. The late, great Pam Glover taught at the Orinda Community Center for many years and these artists continue to visit plein air sites favored by Glover. "We plein air painters visit local sites outdoors and work to capture the moment on canvas," said exhibit organizer Maria SantoStefano. View their work online at <https://lamorindaarts.org/current-exhibits/>.

Virtual Art Gallery at Wilder: "Bay Area Photography II" by Ryan Magpusao. The Lamorinda Arts Council presents a solo Virtual Wilder Art Gallery exhibit in featuring photographer Ryan Magpusao. He uses photography as a creative expression of the peace and beauty he finds in his relationships with people and places. This exhibit runs through Nov. 4. View and purchase his photographs with one click online at <https://lamorindaarts.org/current-exhibits-wilder/>

Art Embraces Words: Oct. 28, 2 - 3:30 p.m. Costume Event with Prizes. The Lamorinda Arts Council invites you to show up as your favorite literary or artistic character at this free program in the Lafayette Library. Writers Lani Longshore, AnneMarie Gouveia and Willa Drew read from their work surrounded by visual artwork from Lance Jackson (whose work is in the 2023 de Young Open) and Helen Chu-Hirschberg. For more information visit <https://lamorindaarts.org/art-embraces-words/>. This program is made possible by a generous grant from the Community Foundation of Lafayette.

Music

Berkeley Chamber Performances presents Alexander String Quartet with quartets by Haydn, Ravel, and Schoenberg at Lafayette on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Lafayette Library, 3491 Mt Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. Cost: \$0 to \$45. For more info see www.berkeleychamberperform.org or call (415) 531-1480 or email rcarlin16@gmail.com.

California Symphony presents "Rivers of Inspiration," a concert featuring the music of Handel, Viet Cuong, and Robert Schumann, opening the program is the highly an-

icipated world premiere of California Symphony's 2020-23 composer-in-residence Viet Cuong's Chance of Rain. Schumann's exuberant Symphony No. 3 and Handel's spectacular Water Music, Suites No. 1 and No. 2 accompany Cuong's world premiere. Artistic and Music Director Donato Cabrera leads the California Symphony through a musical journey from the Baroque period to the modern day. Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 12 at 4 p.m. www.californiasymphony.org/shows/handel-rivers-of-inspiration/; (925) 943-7469

Dia de los Muertos Concert and Celebration. On Sunday, Oct. 29, you are invited to embrace the wisdom and spirit of Dia de los Muertos as we honor the tradition of connecting to the ancestors that have gone before us. A night filled with the music of Bay Area favorites, Cascada de Flores, taco truck, candlelight, sangria, pan de muerto, and projects for kids. Creekside Commons Main Hall 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette. 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tickets available online or at the door. www.creeksidecommons.org/upcomingevents

California Symphony presents "Composing the Future: A California Festival Panel Discussion" on Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Leshler Center for the Arts. Moderated by KDFC's Dianne Nicolini, the panel delves into how collaborations

shape classical music, and the challenges—and opportunities—that contemporary classical composers, performers, presenters, and audiences face. Panel participants include Resident Composer Viet Cuong, San Francisco Symphony CEO Matthew Spivey, and pianist Sarah Cahill. Reserve your free tickets at www.californiasymphony.org/calendar_events/composing-the-future-a-california-festival-panel-discussion/

Theatre

Town Hall Theatre Company present "A Christmas Story" Adapted by Philip Grecian, story by Jean Shepherd. Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 (Previews), Dec. 2-17. Town Hall Theatre, 3535 School Street, Lafayette. Tickets: \$20-45, Pay-What-You-Can tickets will be available at all performances at the door. www.townhalltheatre.com/christmas-story

Improv comedy company Synergy Theater is invading the Leshler Center for the Arts, at 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, with its madcap improvised horror spoof, "Z is for...Zombie: An Improvised Zombie Apocalypse!" Oct. 19 - 29, Thursdays - Saturdays at 8:15 p.m. and Sundays at 3:15 p.m. The Leshler Center for the Arts, George & Sonja Vukasin Theatre 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, tickets: \$25 buy online at www.lesherartscenter.org or by phone at (925)943-7469.

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Saint Mary's College, Performing Arts presents William Shakespeare's beloved classic, "A Midsummer Night's Dream." In-person performance dates: Thursday, Nov. 2, 8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 3, 4 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 4, 2 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 4, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 5, 2 p.m. Tickets limited - reserve early. E-tickets: \$8 SMC students; \$12 SMC faculty and staff, non-SMC students; \$15 general. Purchase tickets online at stmmarys-ca.edu/midsummer at least 24 hours prior to performance. A limited number of tickets are available at the Box Office 30 minutes before curtain via cash/check only. Info: (925)631-4670 or tms8@stmmarys-ca.edu

At Town Hall Theatre, Lafayette 'Front Porch Presents' is back with their Folk Music Showcase, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. This exciting quarterly collaboration brings together local musicians and performers for a showcase of talent that is both entertaining and inspiring. The event was a big success, and now a third one-night only Folk Music Showcase will happen at Town Hall Theatre. 3535 School Street, Lafayette, www.TownHallTheatre.com

Literature

The giant fall book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Moraga Library will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28 from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Moraga Library. Books, CDs and DVDs in every category will be sold at prices ranging from 25 cents to \$3. Beginning at 1 p.m., a bag can be purchased for \$5 and filled with all the books it can hold. 100% of the proceeds of this sale support the Moraga Library's children's and adult's programs, books, other materials and library upgrades.

Join the Sweet Thursday Author Series on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Don Tatzin CH at the Lafayette Library & Learning Center to hear author John Lescroart discuss his latest book, "The Missing Piece." This is a free event, but registration is required at tinyurl.com/sweet26oct23. The doors will be open at 6:30 p.m. for coffee and treats. The program is sponsored by The Friends of the Lafayette Library.

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SUNDAY SOUL FORUM | 8:30AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP | 9:30AM
IN PERSON OR FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE LIVESTREAM
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Sunday Service 10 am or join us online.
Mondays 9:30 am Centering Prayer in the Chapel
Wednesday 10 am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel

ORINDA CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
24 Orinda Way (next to the Library)-925-254-4212
Sunday Services and Sunday School 10-11 am
Informal Wednesday Meeting 7:30 - 8:30 pm
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