

MOVIE REVIEW

Film Clips

Is 'Logan' a farewell to Wolverine?

By Derek Zemrak



Photo provided
Logan is rated R and Director James Mangold (“Walk the Line,” “The Wolverine,” “Girl Interrupted”) sets the tone with the first word spoken in the film.

“Logan,” the second R-rated superhero film from Hollywood (“Deadpool” in 2016 was the first), is the end for the Wolverine franchise. At least that is what Hollywood is making us all believe. But we know all too well about the box-office numbers. Logan is rated R due to brutal, graphic violence, strong language throughout the movie and brief nudity. It is recommended that parents see the film before just letting your child attend the movie. It is not your typical superhero film.

Now that we have cleared the air, “Logan” is set in the future in 2029; in a world that has seen no new mutants for over 15 years. Logan (Hugh Jackman) is now going by his birth name James Howlett and is trying to live a low-key life as a limo driver in Texas. After driving across the Mexican border, Logan finds himself at an abandoned facility where he and a mutant, Calidan (Stephen Merchant) care for the ailing

Professor Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart). Logan’s plan was to retire at a scenic ocean view while caring for Xavier. But as with all superhero films, no plan is set in stone. Enter Laura (Dafne Keen) a young girl with powers equal to Logan’s. He goes on the run from the military as he realizes his sole purpose in life is to protect Laura.

“Logan” is an exceptional film with one of the best storylines and script of any superhero movie of the past. This movie is not for everyone because of the graphic, brutal fight scenes. Please parents, preview the movie before letting your young ones see it! “Logan” has a TRT (total running time) of 2 hours and 17 minutes.

4 Slates

Upcoming events at the Lamorinda Theatres:

Orinda Theatre Events

Free Movie Night at the Orinda: 7 p.m. March 9, “Sunset Boulevard.” Starring Gloria Swanson and William Holden, this black and white film will be stunning on the big screen in the Orinda Theatre – the way Wilder intended the film to be seen – in a movie palace.

Rheem Theatre

Live Music at the Rheem — Greatest Songs from Disney Movies: 7 p.m. March 11. Patti Liedecker returns to the Rheem Theatre with a concert of favorite Disney songs played on the beautiful baby grand piano. The evening will include a video presentation and lecture by Derek Zemrak. The Moraga Community Foundation is sponsoring this event. Admission \$15
 Larry Swindell’s Classic Films return to the Rheem Theatre at 2 p.m. March 15 with “The Woman in the Window.” When a conservative middle-aged professor engages in a minor dalliance with a femme fatale, he is plunged into a nightmarish quicksand of blackmail and murder. Starring Edward G. Robinson, Joan Bennett and Raymond Massey. Admission \$7

TO ALL LAMORINDA OPERA LOVERS

Come and experience a lovely musical offering of arias by Verdi, Schubert, Handel and more... performed by the much-acclaimed “Opera Scouts” young artists of San Francisco Opera Guild. Sunday March 26 at 4:30pm at Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church in Moraga. Enjoy a delicious buffet supper and wine.

Tickets \$45.00 (\$30.00 tax deductible). **Reservations through Ana Zimmank of Coldwell Banker 925-640-6008 Ana.Zimmank@camoves.com**

Service Clubs Announcements



We meet Friday mornings at 7:00 am at The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. For more info, please email us at lamorindasunrise@gmail.com

March 10 Bip Roberts, TV broadcaster and former A’s, Indians star.	March 17 Maria Dempsey, Airlines industry expert on JetSuiteX at the Concord airport
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No joke, it really is true. March 25th our gorgeous Teardrop Trailer publicly debuts!

Lafayette Rotary Club

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

March 9: Jeanette Fritzkly will be speaking about Poly Pharmacy	March 16: Troy Feddersen will be speaking about his beer making
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www.rotarylafayette.org
 www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Lafayette-Ca-197392963631366

Please submit events to:
 calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

Not to be missed

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Purim in the Orient from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 12 at 1375 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Featuring interactive Megillah reading, authentic Oriental cuisine, music, Mishalach Manot, Oriental masquerade, Chinese acrobat show and more. Cost: \$10, Family \$36. www.jewishcontracosta.com (925) 937-4101.

Come to a Purim Celebration at 5 p.m. on March 12 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. Featuring Chinese dinner buffet, acrobat show, games, music, and masquerade party. Free. RSVP www.chabadoflamorinda.com/purim or call (925) 384-7242

The Persian Center presents Persian New Year Festiva from 6 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14 at Durant Avenue, 2029 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Jump over bonfires to shake off the darkness of winter; welcome the lightness of spring. Persian music, dancing, food, crafts, kid activities. Free. For more info see www.anotherbullwinkeshow.com/persian-fest/, call (510) 548-5335 or email Lisa@AnotherBullwinkelShow.com.

The Moraga Valley Kiwanis Club’s Lobster Fest is at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 18 at the St. Mary’s College Soda Center. The evening’s entertainment starts at 6 p.m. and includes a silent auction, music, raffles, dancing and LOBSTER. This is one of the two largest annual events sponsored by the club. Tickets are \$55 per person and are available at moraga.kiwanis.event@gmail.com or (925) 899-9536.

Allie’s Pals Cat Rescue presents its Feline Fundraiser from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on March 22 at Mangia Pizzeria at 975, Moraga Rd, Lafayette. www.alliespals.org

ARF presents the 13th annual Business of Saving Lives conference for animal welfare professionals and volunteers from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 25 at ARF in Walnut Creek. This pow-

erhouse conference packs practical information and valuable tools into one full day of learning at an affordable price, to help attendees save more lives. Register now to ensure a spot, tickets are \$45. Continental breakfast and a vegetarian lunch are provided to all attendees. For registration, agenda information, and session details, visit www.arflife.org.

Moraga Classic Car Show registration is now open to residents who own classic cars and would like to participate in the ninth annual Moraga Classic Car Show, which takes place from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Saturday May13, as part of the 2017 Moraga Community Faire. The \$35 registration fee includes an entry ribbon, lunch for two, a commemorative photo. Prizes will be awarded. The registration deadline is May 1, but space is limited to 70 cars, so register early to secure a spot. Register at www.moragachamber.org/faire or, call Gloria at (925) 247-4473.

SENIORS

Learn Cooking for One or Two: Breakfast & Brunch with Jaime Rios, Byron Park Executive Chef from 2 to 4 p.m. on March 29 at Byron Park, 1700 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. As we all know, breakfast is the most important meal of the day. In this demonstration-style class, Chef Jaime will help attendees find new inspiration with recipes that will transform breakfast and brunch routines. Space is limited; these classes fill up quickly. RSVP to Lafayette Senior Services by Wednesday, March 22. For info, Seniors@LoveLafayette.org or 284-5050.

Anne Randolph Physical Therapy presents the Art of Balance from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on March 22 in the Cedar Room, Lafayette Community Center. People worried about falling or are at risk of falling should know about simple ways to improve balance. Learn how to gain increased balance and avoid the risk of falling. Fee per class members: No charge/ Non-Members: \$10

Not to be missed

GARDEN

The Lafayette Garden Club presents “Gamble Garden, Landscape of Optimism” presented by author Susan Woodman and Gamble Board member Jane Stocklin from 9:45 a.m. to noon on March 9 at the Lafayette Veteran’s Building, located at 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. The garden is showcased as a place for hands-on practical and creative classes, a magnet for artists, and a venue for seasonal events and celebratory occasions including the Garden Tour held every April. Books available. Visitors are welcome. Email Carolyn Poetzsch cpoetzsch@gmail.com.

The Gardens at Heather Farm and The Garden Conservancy will host an afternoon “Meet the Authors” event at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 10, as San Francisco-based landscape designers Stefani Bittner and Alethea Haramopolis present their new book “Harvest: Unexpected Projects Using 47 Extraordinary Garden Plants” set for release next month. \$5 for Gardens at Heather Farm and Garden Conservancy Members; \$15 General Public. Make a reservation online at www.gardenshf.org or call (925) 947-1678

The Walnut Creek Garden Club monthly meeting is held at the Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. Business meeting is at 10 a.m., social time 10:30 to 11 a.m., program from 11 a.m. to noon. March 13 Program: Special Decorated Eggs from Czechoslovakia Using Natural Dyes — Lenka Glassner, folk artist. She will talk about the colorful history, traditions and techniques of the ancient art of egg decorating and share her unique collections. The public is invited to attend and consider becoming a member. Maureen Little: mslittle44@gmail.com, (925) 820-1476

The Moraga Garden Club Monthly Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 16, at the Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Guest

speaker will be Rosemary Lovell, owner of Morningsun Herb Farm in Vacaville. She will be discussing “Companion Planting with Herbs.” Interested parties are welcome to attend the 9:30 a.m. social hour, the 10 a.m. meeting, as well as the presentation by Rosemary Lovell, immediately following the meeting.

The Montelindo Garden Club, which meets the third Friday of every month, September through May, will gather at 9 a.m. on Friday March 17 at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda. Everyone welcome. Presentation: Wonderful Western Wildflowers. Speaker: Heath Bartosh, one of the California Native Plant

Society’s top rare plant experts and is co-founder of the Bay Area ecological consulting firm Nomad Ecology, LLC.

The Lafayette Community Garden and Outdoor Learning Center presents its Historical Houses presentation and tour from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 25. Learn of our local valley’s history through the chronicles of three old houses from the 1800’s: the Old Yellow House in Orinda, Rodgers Ranch in Pleasant Hill, and the John Muir House in Martinez. To register, go to LafayetteCommunityGarden.org/classes-and-events. \$5 donation appreciated.

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