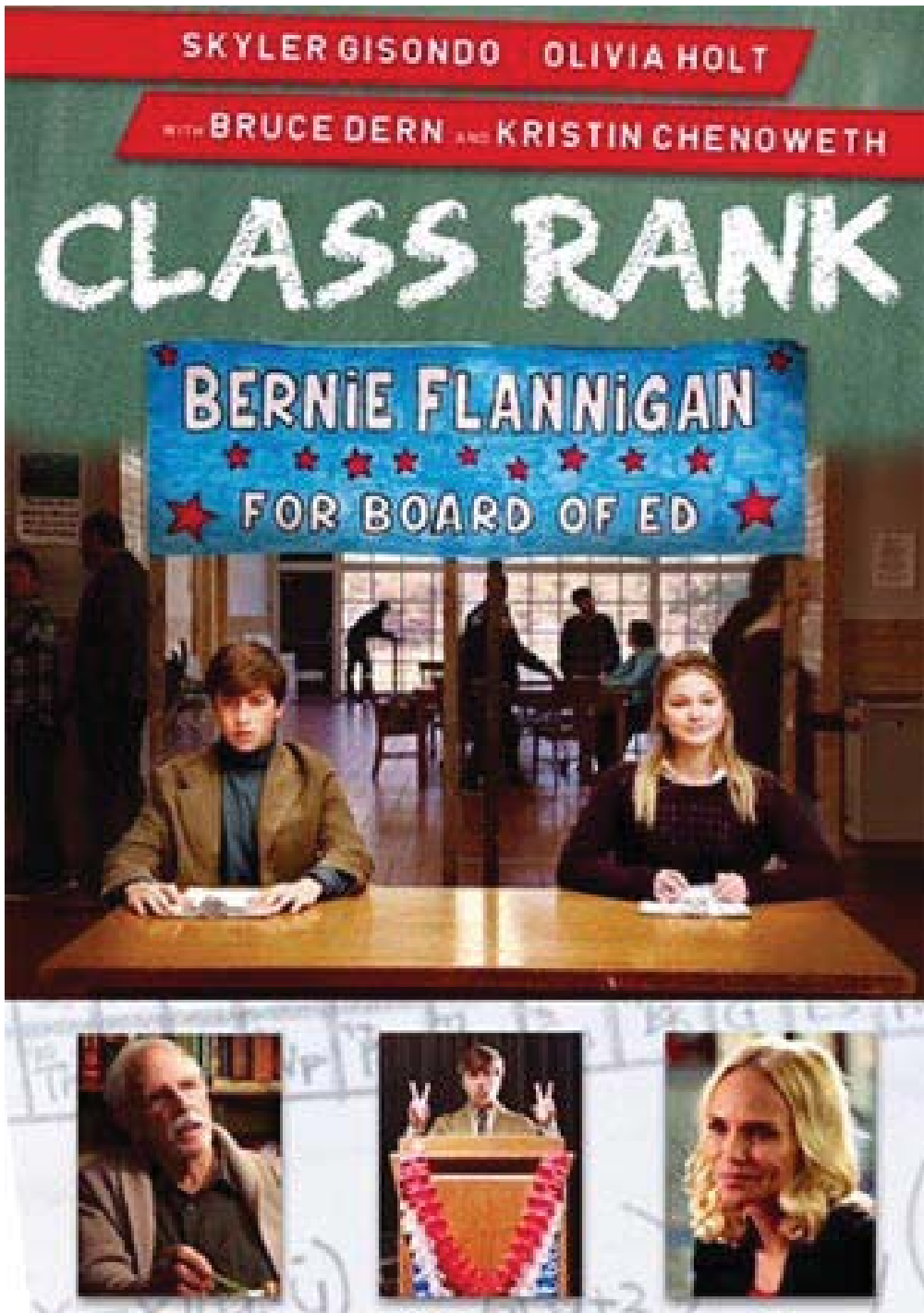


Film Clips

# A multitude of movies scheduled for this year's CAIFF

By Derek Zemrak

MOVIE REVIEW



The 20th Annual California Independent Film Festival is right around the corner, Sept. 7-16, and CAIFF is very excited about the amazing lineup of films. Our slogan, "Something for Everyone from Around the World," holds true with over 75 films from the U.S., Canada, China, Australia, Taiwan, Japan, Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom. There will be something for everyone to enjoy.

"Opening Night, Thursday Sept. 7 at the Rheem Theatre will set the tone for the 20th festival," states CAIFF festival Director Lindsay Pirkle. The evening reception will begin at 6 p.m. with food provided by Cine Cuvée and Sushi Fighters.

Also included on the program will be the announcements for the 2017 Slate Awards and a tribute to Martin Landau, a longtime supporter of the California Independent Film Festival and the first CAIFF Lifetime Achievement Award honoree, who passed away on July 15.

The opening night short film, "Yours Sincerely, Lois Weber," is a delightful film from CAIFF alumna, Svetlana Cvetko. The film examines the achievements of the highest paid

silent film director at Universal in 1916, a woman named Lois Weber. It is told through the fictionalized character of a young magazine photographer who hopes to impress her. This is the Northern California premiere for "Yours Sincerely, Lois Weber."

The opening night feature, "Class Rank," directed by Eric Stoltz, is also a Northern California premiere showing and the perfect film for the CAIFF celebration of 20 film festivals. Bernie is back – Bernard "Bernie" Flannigan (Skyler Gisondo), that is, in this delicious and supremely satisfying indie comedy/civics lesson/pair of teenagers and grandparents falling in love – in age appropriate ways. The film, starring Bruce Dern, Kristin Chenoweth, Olivia Holt, and Skyler Gisondo, has been compared to the work of Wes Anderson and John Hughes.

Festival tickets are now on sale to CAIFF members and will go on sale to the public on Aug. 15. View this year's lineup of films online at [www.caiff.org](http://www.caiff.org). It is never too early to start planning your festival schedule.

See you at the festival!

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### Service Clubs Announcements

**August 11**  
The What, Why and How of Solar Eclipse and other Celestial phenomena will be explained by Gerald McKeegan, Adjunct Astronomer of Chabot Space and Science Center.

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](mailto:lamorindasunrise@gmail.com)

**August 18**  
Our very own District 5160 Governor, Gary Vilhauer, will inspire and motivate us to move forward in service to humanity.

*Community, Service, Fun and Friendships*

### 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.

<b>August 10:</b> District 5160 Governor, Gary Vilhauer will join us for lunch	<b>August 17:</b> Ash Habibullah (CSI - Computers and Structures Inc.) Global pioneer leader in software tools for structural and earthquake engineering analysis and design
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## Free concerts to rock Lamorinda this summer

### Moraga

Thursday evenings at the Commons are for relaxing with friends and enjoying the bands. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs to the grassy hillside in front of the band shell. The volunteers of MPF will cook dinner for you with the snack bar opening at 6 p.m.

Aug. 10 Apple Z - Rock and roll

Aug. 17 Fundamentals - Red-hot rockin' soul

The County Food Bank will have collection bins near parking lots each Thursday. Concerts start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

### Orinda

It's time to sit back and unwind at the free summer concerts at the park series on Tuesday nights.

Aug. 15, Big Band Jazz

Food Truck: Kenny's Heart & Soul (Soul Food)

The concerts run 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Also coming up in Orinda this summer:

The Orinda Village Starlight Players have three plays at the Orinda Community Park this summer:

Malcolm Cowler's adaptation of L. Frank Baum's "The Wizard of Oz" runs July 21 through Aug. 12

Robert Merrill's "Five-Door Farce," Sept. 1 through Sept. 30