

Film Clips

Favorite Short Films featured at CAIFF, opening tomorrow

By Derek Zemrak

In celebration of our 20th film festival, I personally selected some of my favorite short films that have screened at the California Independent Film Festival in previous years. Several of the past filmmakers will be attending the screenings.

Director John Murphy, whose short film "Flowers on a Muumuu," won Best Short Film at the very first film festival. It is a film noir parody of private detective Maurice Pomerance's quest to find the owner of a mysterious glass eye. Director John Murphy will be flying in from Texas to attend his screening at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Orinda Theatre.

Director Michael Fallavollita from Los Angeles will be introducing his first 24-minute short film that screened at CAIFF in 2003, "String of the Kite." In this short film, most people dismiss Lucky Santucci's stories as pure imagination but his grandson Kevin believes them wholeheartedly. With his new kite ready for flight, Kevin will discover that the truth lies somewhere between the moon and the earth. "String of the Kite" will be showing at the Orinda Theatre at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Orinda Theatre.

Michael also has his last short film project in the film festival entitled "Tale of the Kite," which is a sequel to his previous short "String of the Kite." What is so interesting is Michael used the same actors in the both films. Now 11



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years later the "Tale of the Kite" description is: "His dream of flight began with a kite. A young test pilot finds himself in a mysterious desert region out of contact with his airbase and with little hope of survival. But childhood memories of his grandfather may provide the key to his ultimate destiny." An 11-year filmmaking journey, the film is shot on Super 16mm film and RED digital. "Tale of the Kite" will be screening at the Orinda Theatre at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9. Actor Kevin DeSimone will be in attendance at both screenings.

CAIFF Alumni Director Suny Behar from Los Angeles will be attending his screening of his short film, "Chaos Theory," at the Orinda Theatre at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10. "Chaos Theory" is a 30-minute short film that tells the tale of an outrageous misadventure of a meteorologist desperate to stop the endless cycle of disorder that is ruling his life.

I hope you will go down memory lane with me at this year's film festival. You will laugh out loud and shed a few tears.

See you at the festival.

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Service Clubs Announcements

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September 8	September 15
Stephanie Shaterian will share how to create immersive presentations that encourage you to think outside the box. She is a founder of fLO Content, a creative agency specializing in video and multi-platform storytelling for business.	Metabolic Chaos...and the Impact to our Health presented by Dana Hemmingsen, FDN-P of BodyZing Health & Wellness

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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.

September 7:	September 14:
Two Lafayette Rotarians share all about themselves.	Joy Alaidarous on the good Rotary's Foundation does in the world.

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Be prepared to handle all-hazard emergencies. Take Lamorinda CERT classes in Orinda this fall. Your \$25 registration pays for 8 weeks of localized FEMA training plus a live exercise final; students receive a free medical supply kit (\$30 value) after class #4. CERT welcomes Lamorinda residents and employees. Evening classes begin Sept. 14; for details go to <https://classes.lamorindacert.org>

All are invited to attend the Saint Mary's College Guild Installation Tea Party 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14 at the SMC Soda Center. Cost: \$30 Per Person. Wine Purchase Is Available. Make check payable to SMC Guild; send to Patricia Wiegmann, 39 Carr Drive, Moraga, CA 94556. Please RSVP by Sept. 10.

Join Friends of Orinda Creeks in the annual beach and inland watershed cleanup at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16. Trash accumulates along San Pablo creek in Downtown Orinda and flows downstream all the way to San Pablo Reservoir and beyond to San Francisco Bay. Directions: turn down the driveway at 25 Orinda Way and park near the chain link fence. Bring sunscreen, gloves (if you have them), water, and wear long pants, long-sleeve shirts, and sturdy shoes. All other equipment will be provided. For further information, contact Adriane Bosworth at bosdesign7@gmail.com or (925) 254-7538.

The Sept. 19 showcase meeting of the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette branch of AAUW will feature Ann White, an ambassador of Road Scholar, a not-for-profit leader in educational travel. She will speak about the history of this organization, its mission and the wide variety of travel experiences they offer. The meeting will also start the year with informational presentations about the many interest groups and service opportunities available to AAUW members and will take place at 9:30a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19 at the Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Guests and visitors are welcome.

Many Faces of Gynecologic Cancers from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19 in the Lafayette Library Community Room. Join an engaging panel of medical experts as they explore the unique issues of ovarian, cervical and uterine cancers. The panel will offer insight into ongoing screening guidelines, latest treatment options, advances with minimally in-

vasive surgery and menopausal issues faced by gynecologic cancer survivors. Q&A session to follow presentations. Advanced registration recommended. Call (925) 677-5041 x260.

Fourth Street Fashion: A Runway Show - A benefit for the Berkeley Food & Housing Project from 5 to 9 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, Fourth Street, Berkeley. Costumes by Castle in the Air, looks by local clothing and accessory shops, gift bags, beer and wine, food booths, DJ. Free event. <http://www.fourthstreet.com/events/2017/9/23/fourth-street-fashion-a-runway-show>

The Great Conversation: Collegiate Seminar's 75th Anniversary Symposium from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 23 in the Soda Activity Center: Moraga Room, 1928 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga. The event will feature round table Seminar discussions, plenary speeches, and concurrent panel talks. Speakers include President James Donahue, Professors Ted Tsukahara, Raina León, Felicia Martinez, Ellen Rigsby, many more faculty, and alumni. And, as befits a symposium, it will end with wine and conversation.

Middle Eastern Festival 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23 and 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 24 at St. John the Evangelist Orthodox Church, 501 Moraga Way, Orinda. Food, games, live entertainment, folk dancing, crafts, Middle Eastern heritage exhibits and more. Entrance fee: adults \$2.00; children under 12 free. For information: www.stjohnorinda.org - or call (925) 258-4255.

The Value of Community and Choice as we Grow Older at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25 is a live-streamed event presented by Beacon Hill Village in Boston and hosted locally by Lamorinda Village features best-selling author of Being Mortal, Atul Gawande MD, MPH. For more information or to register (seats are limited) call (925) 253- 2300 or RSVP@LamorindaVillage.org. Event held at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Dr, Lafayette.

If you're affected by prostate cancer or know someone who is, Alta Bates Summit Comprehensive Cancer Services invites you to learn about the latest advances in diagnosis and treatment beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27 at Samuel Merritt University in the Fontaine Auditorium, 400 Hawthorne Ave, Oakland. You will have an opportunity to browse our resource tables before the presentation starts. During the presentation, a team of six clinicians special-

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POLITICAL GATHERINGS

The League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley is pleased to present the President of the League of Women Voters of California, Helen Hutchison, speaking on the movement to reform the corporate property taxes in California's Proposition 13, which contained giant loopholes allowing big corporations and wealthy commercial property owners to avoid paying their fair share of corporate taxes. President Helen Hutchison will speak from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Concord Public Library, 2900 Salvio Street. Concord. All are welcome. Light refreshments served.

SENIORS

Orinda Senior Health and Wellness Fair 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way. This three-hour free event will feature Dr. Patrick Arbore as the keynote speaker talking about Senior Empowerment. He will be followed by an expert panel presenting effective ways to improve health and wellness through exercise, nutrition, continuing education, spirituality, connectedness and alternative medicine. For more information see www.orindachamber.org or call (925) 254-3909.

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Start Downsizing Now For Your Move in the Future presented by Mark Shaw, Re/Max Accord Lafayette Realtor from 10:30 to noon Thursday, Sept. 28 in the Cedar Room, Lafayette Community Center. Do yourself (and your children) a favor and start tackling the many years' worth of "stuff" that has accumulated in your house and garage. Breaking it up into small, doable tasks is much easier, less stressful and less exhausting than waiting until the last minute. Mark will share tips and advice he's gained from his many years in real estate. Members: free; non-members: \$10.

The Senior Mobility Action Council, a workgroup of the Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging, is putting on an event: the "Senior Transportation Forum 2017, It's More Than Just A Ride!" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 29 at the John Muir Medical Center, Ball Auditorium in Walnut Creek. The purpose of the forum is to help educate the public, elected officials, seniors, transportation advocates, social workers, and medical discharge planners about the transportation challenges that older adults and the disabled face in CC County as well as the importance of accessible transportation in maintaining a strong community.

GARDEN

The Walnut Creek Garden Club presents "How About A Facelift To Your Yard? What Are Some Things We Can Do To Improve Our Home's Curb Appeal?" at 9:45 a.m. Mon-

day, Sept. 11 at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Road. 9:45 - Business Meeting; 10:30 - Social; 11 Program.

Lafayette Garden Club is excited to present Rosalind Creasy, a garden and food writer, photographer, and landscape designer with a passion for beautiful vegetables and ecologically sensitive gardening. She has authored several books and will be sure to delight us in the wonders of edible gardening. The meeting will be held from 9:45 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Lafayette Veteran's Building located at 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

Montelindo Garden Club Meeting (third Friday) of every month, September through May will be at 9 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 15 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda. Everyone welcome. Presentation: Growing Unusual Fruit in the Bay Area. Speaker: Idell Weydemeyer.

The Moraga Garden Club Monthly Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Guest speaker will be Kristen Yanker-Hansen, past president of the California Horticultural Society. The topic of her discussion will be "Planting a Dry Garden." Interested parties are welcome to attend the 9:30 a.m. social hour, the 10 a.m. meeting, and the presentation by Kristen Yanker-Hansen, immediately following the meeting.

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