

Rotary camper gets a home

By Cathy Dausman



Grady (atop camper), brother Owen and their father David Evans pose with the Rotary camper they won. Dog Pepper is interested in something else. Photos Cathy Dausman

It might be a stretch to call it a perfect fit for the Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary camper's new owners, but it is a good fit. "It would have been great when the boys were little," David Evans said candidly (sons Owen and Grady are 12 and 9 respectively), but he also says the trailer will be a welcome addition as a new bedroom for the Lafayette family's summer cabin near Mount Lassen.

The Evans' cabin is just 800 square feet, so gaining an extra 30 square feet and its attached camp kitchen is definitely a plus. And, said Evans, "it'll fit right in; it's a pretty rustic place."

Evans, his wife Catherine and their sons spend a lot of time at the cabin during summers, making trips almost every weekend and

staying on for a two-week period at one point.

Evans bought the winning ticket ("maybe two?") for the Rotary-named "Teardrop Inn" during Moraga's Haunted House event in 2016.

"I'd kind of forgotten about it," he said.

The family learned of their new acquisition when their name was drawn during this year's tree lighting ceremony in Lafayette.

"Grady had been checking out and climbing around the trailer while there with friends," Evans said, adding "he left just a few minutes before they did the drawing!"

Proceeds from the trailer raffle generated about \$40,000, with the profits (\$25,000) donated to a variety of good causes, said Rotarian

and project manager Gary Fulcher. The winners (minus Catherine, who had a previous commitment) and their dog Pepper were recently photographed with the trailer at San Pablo Reservoir.

The boys admitted they weren't sure whether they or their parents would sleep in the trailer; they also weren't sure whether Pepper would be allowed to bunk in. As Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary hands off its third fundraising project, work has already begun on another wheeled project.

This time it's a dune buggy!



David (left) and Owen Evans test out the trailer kitchen.

Tony Award winner John Lloyd Young to open Orinda Theatre Live Concert Series, Feb. 1

Submitted by Derek Zemrak



John Lloyd Young Photo provided

The 180-seat auditorium at the Orinda Theatre will be transformed Feb. 1 into a classic cabaret venue. The stunning venue will be a place where audiences will experience exceptional performers at close range in an exceedingly elegant setting. Tony Award winner John Lloyd Young will kick off the spring series.

Young originated the role of Frankie Valli in Broadway's Award-winning Best Musical and international hit, "Jersey Boys." By also starring in Clint Eastwood's film adaptation of the show, Young joins a select few actors in the entertainment industry that took their Tony-winning stage role to the big screen. He sings lead vocals on the Grammy-winning platinum Original Broadway cast album as well as the "Jersey Boys" movie soundtrack album. As Frankie Valley in "Jersey Boys," Young became the only American actor in history to win all four major leading actors honors in a Broadway debut: the Tony, Drama Desk, Out Critics Circle and Theatre World awards.

"To see this quality of international talent here in the East Bay is as much of a treasure as is the historic Orinda Theatre," states Derek Zemrak, owner of the Orinda Theatre. The Orinda Theatre first opened its doors in 1941 and is a landmark of the East Bay.

The performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1. Tickets range from \$50 to a \$100 VIP ticket, which includes seating in the first three rows, a meet and greet with Young after the show at Cine Cuvee and a "Jersey Boys" Blu-ray. Tickets are available at the Orinda Theatre box office and online at www.lamorindatheatres.com.

On the evening of the concert, Cine Cuvee Wine Bar will be featuring food and drink specials before the show.

Live at the Orinda Theatre Concert Series - Spring 2018 will also include Grammy and Golden Globe winner Amanda McBroom ("The Rose") on March 1, Amanda King ("A Salute to Ella Fitzgerald: The Early Years") on April 5, and Tony-nominated Broadway star Andrea McArdle ("Annie" and "Les Misérables") on May 3, closing the spring series. Subscriber and sponsorship packages are available.

"There's nothing like live music in front of you and getting to experience renowned artists of this caliber in the beautiful and historic Orinda Theatre will make for some very special and memorable evenings," states producer, Michael Williams.

Live at the Orinda Theatre Concert Series is produced by Zemrak Pirkle Productions, LLC and Michael Williams.

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CLOWN (*) CONVERSATION

by: Marilyn Erickson

A room full of clowns on museum floor,
 Arranged and scattered, three dozen or more.

Dressed up manekins; gloved hands, masked faces,
 Red noses, black hats, all occupy places.

Clowns cogitating, napping, repining,
 Contemplating or simply reclining.

Often real people join clowns on the floor,
 Pose and take photos, selfies, galore.

Children nestle up, start conversation,
 Whisper and giggle with fascination.

But,
 What if,
 One of the clowns moved?

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