

CAIFF Opening Night 2018

By Derek Zemrak

MOVIE REVIEW



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For the first time in its 21-year history, the California Independent Film Festival will kick off the festivities, and set the tone for the remaining seven days, with the world premiere of an international film – the delightful Austrian romantic drama “The Salzburg Story.” CAIFF opens Aug. 24 at the Rheem Theatre.

“The Salzburg Story” is a fairy tale romance told by a 70-year-old lady to her young granddaughter. She relates the star-crossed story of a selfish but gifted young Austrian composer who finds his world turned upside down by the arrival of a care-free young American woman. She breaks down his defenses and encourages him to follow the dreams from which his father has held him back. But time is running out, as the young man’s old habits of pushing love away are in conflict with his new love’s hopes, and her imminent departure from Austria.

The Opening Night reception will start at 6 p.m. in the Rheem Theatre lobby, followed by the movie screening at 7:30 p.m. Director and writer Alexander Peter Lercher and several cast members from Austria, including one of their most sought-after actors, Alfons Haider, will be flying across the Atlantic to attend the world premiere. Alfons is also the host of Austria’s most successful TV show, “Dancing Stars.” Plus, in 2006, he was voted sexiest Austrian male star by German television.

Tickets are now on sale online at www.caiff.org for the 21st California Independent Film Festival and also at the Rheem and Orinda Theatre box offices.

See you at the festival!

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CAMPOLINDO HIGH SCHOOL REUNION CLASS OF 1983

Saturday, September 15th, 6 pm to 10 pm

Moraga Country Club

For information, contact Eric Flett at EricMFlett@gmail.com.

Please also help us locate our missing classmates:

<https://sites.google.com/site/camporeunion1983/mias>

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OTHER

Contra Costa County and City of Walnut Creek present the One-Stop Services Event from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 9. at Civic Park, 1375 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. The 2018 “Summer Block Party” aims to provide on-the-spot government services after normal business hours. Residents will find a range of services available, from licensing pets to registering to vote. For more information, please call the Contra Costa County Library at (925) 608-7713. For parking availability near the Park, visit the City’s parking website.

Diablo Ballet’s Annual Gourmet Gallop food and wine walk returns to downtown Walnut Creek for the eighth consecutive year from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9. The event, sponsored by Diablo Magazine, invites guests to sip, sample and stroll their way through 18 downtown Walnut Creek locations as they experience a one-of-a-kind culinary adventure. Tickets are on sale now to the public and only \$39 if purchased on or before July 26. After that date, the price goes up to \$45 per person. Special group pricing is available. Tickets are available online at www.diabloballet.org or by calling (925) 943-1775.

14th Annual Summer Wine Festival 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Soda Center at Saint Mary’s College offers an afternoon of wine tasting, delicious appetizers, a silent auction and lots of fun! (Attendees must be at least 21 years of age.) Proceeds from ticket sales and the silent auction support student scholarships. Tickets: \$60 are available stmarys-ca.edu/wine or (925) 631-8744.

The Contra Costa County Library is hosting its annual book giveaway from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Aug. 11 at the Pleasant Hill Library, Shipping and Receiving Area, 75 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill. All books available at the giveaway have been removed from the library collection due to lack of circulation, poor condition or relevance. Books are available on a first-come, first-served basis and members of the public are advised to bring their own boxes or bags to transport materials.

Large Animal Rescue presentation with Lamorinda CERT instructor Jim Breuner at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13 at the Garden Room, Orinda Library. Breuner will speak about the challenges and methods of rescuing animals (both large and small) from dangerous situations. He will also cover preparing for disasters and evacuating

with your animals. RSVP to registrar@lamorindacert.org.

This is kitten season, the best time to visit Community Concern for Cats’ adoption events. See the sweetest kittens ever from 1 to 4 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11 and 12, at Pet Food Express in Lafayette and Pleasant Hill, and Petco in Walnut Creek. For more information, see www.community-concernforcats.org.

The 2018 Orinda Classic Car Show, featuring a special exhibit of classic and historically significant race cars, will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8. Enter your car now at www.OrindaCarShow.com.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

Join the Lamorinda Democratic Club for a fun evening of political trivia and frozen margaritas at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. Proceeds from this fun event will benefit the Lamorinda Democratic Club American Dream 2109 Scholarship. Suggested donation is \$20 per person or \$100 for a table of 5 or 6. Contact hotaugtrivia@gmail.com for more information.

The Nature Program at St. Mark’s Nursery School

An afternoon-only, outdoor education experience for children ages 3 to entering kindergarten! Class size is limited to 10 students.

Monday – Thursday: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., with Friday option.

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Service Clubs Announcements

LAMORINDA SUNRISE Rotary
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Breakfast, Friday 7:00 a.m.
The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa,
Mt. Diablo Blvd.
More info: www.lamorindasunrise.com
or email lamorindasunrise@gmail.com

August 10	August 17
Jill Buck, Founder of the Go Green Initiative helping schools teach and create a “culture of conservatism”.	Robert Stoops, Orinda Creek Restoration

Celebrate Summer! Hot dogs and lazy dog days

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.

August 9: Club Assembly	August 16: Hans Florine, Speed climbing El Capitan (more info at hansflorine.com)
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