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FESTIVALS

Lafayette Chamber of Commerce presents the Lafayette Art & Wine Festival from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sept. 15 and 16 in downtown Lafayette, 3553 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Award-winning art, wine and music festival. Two days, four stages, 20 cover bands, 300+ artists, and KidZones. Food, wine, and beer. Free admission. For more info see <http://www.lafayettefestival.com> or call (925) 284-7404 or email info@lafayettefestival.com.

The Town of Moraga is celebrating the 20th Annual Pear and Wine Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 at Moraga Commons Park. Stop by and enjoy wine tasting, pear pies and pear cider. Hosted by local DJ RyanO, the event will feature kids' activities - face painting, petting zoo, inflatable jumpies, chalk art, games and prizes. The Pear and Wine Festival will feature some hometown fun including a pear recipe contest and pear pie eating contest. Community groups, artisans, and local businesses are encouraged to apply with the Parks and Recreation Department for a booth at the festival.

ART

The Jennifer Perlmutter Gallery presents "Color and Pattern," an immersive experience of paintings and sound that will delight and engage the public. On view are paintings by Andy Cunningham and Angela Johal, with a special sound performance by artist Jon Fischer and musician Danny Clay. The work is on view from Sept. 6 through 29, with an Artist's Reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 6. A special perfor-

mance of the "Turntable Drawings" happens from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sept. 15. Don't miss this fantastic experience.

Valley Art Gallery presents "August Ambience" exhibition through Sept. 14. The Diablo Valley can be very warm in August, so what better way to cool off than with some very cool art from our very own Valley Art Gallery. Demonstrating a wide range of motifs, styles, media and prices, and representing the best of the best from more than 100 East Bay artists, the "August Ambience" exhibition is a must-see show for residents of the Diablo Valley! www.valleyartgallery.org

MUSIC

Pacific Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Conductor Lawrence Kohl, presents "Mozart: The Grandeur" with Mozart's "Jupiter" Symphony and his "Haffner" serenade with Igor Veligan as Violin soloist. Performances will be in the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15; and in the Bankhead Theater in Livermore at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16. Enjoy how Mozart simultaneously pours forth beautiful music entwined with the complexities of human emotions. Tickets are available at PacificChamberOrchestra.org.

Classical Pianist Robyn Carmichael Performs at 7 p.m. on Sept 22 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Walnut Creek. At St. Paul's, Carmichael will perform her piano solo program "Peers, Friends, Rivals: Four Romantic Masters," which includes pieces by Mendelssohn, Chopin, Schumann, and Liszt. Her program has received rave reviews and stand-

ing ovations in recent performances; a concert not to be missed! Donation at the door: average \$20; Students \$10 (all are welcome regardless of donation). For more information, please visit: <https://www.robyncarmichael.com> or stpaulswc.org.

Lafayette Studio Big Band Concert from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23 at Lafayette Christian Church, Courtyard Patio in the Grove, 584 Glenside Dr. Lafayette. Enjoy this fun afternoon in the beautiful oak grove, listening to Count Basie style jazz. No reservations required. Listen to a sample of music on www.lafayettebigband.com. Suggested Donation: \$20 for adults, and \$5 for a refillable glass for craft beer or wine and snacks.

Two Gold Coast Chamber Players performances, 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 29 in the Lafayette Library Community Hall, and at 5 p.m. on Sept. 30 at the Piedmont Center for the Arts, 801 Magnolia Ave., Piedmont. Pre-concert talk 30 minutes prior to each concert. Tickets: \$45 General, \$40 Senior, \$15 Student. Purchase online: www.gcplayers.org or By phone: (925) 283-3728

THEATER

California Shakespeare Theater presents the company debut of "The War of the Roses" - a monumental evening of theater spanning four history plays: the Henry VI trilogy and Richard III. Presented as an action-packed evening, "The War of the Roses" will deliver a fast-paced, far-ranging, vividly theatrical depiction of two powerful families—the Lancasters and the Yorks—and their decades-long fight for the English throne. Political unrest and power

grabs collide with weak leadership and civil strife as the country fights against the threat of tyranny. The show runs through Sept. 15. Tickets are \$20 and are available through the California Shakespeare Theater Box Office, 701 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, (510) 548-9666, online at www.calshakes.org, or at the Bruns box office on the day of the performance (pending availability).

LECTURE & LITERATURE

Discovering Opera: Mozart's The Abduction from the Seraglio, presented by Bradford Wade, opera lover for 40 years from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Sept. 13 in the Arts and Science Room, Lafayette Library and Learning Center. Pirates have captured Konstanze and her maid Blonde, and delivered them to the Pasha Selim. The Pasha attempts to win the affections of Konstanze; Osmin, the chief of the palace guard, tries to force himself on Blonde. Can the women's lovers Belmonte and Pedrillo rescue them from the harem? Lecturer Bradford Wade will give a guided tour of the opera, with a description of the plot interspersed with musical examples. This lecture is given in conjunction with Opera San Jose's production of The Abduction from the Seraglio, Sept. 15-30. Free.

Saint Mary's College MFA in Creative Writing program presents The Roy E. and Patricia Disney Forum - An Evening with Kevin Young at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at Hagerty Lounge, SMC Campus. Kevin Young is the Director for the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, newly named a National Historic Landmark, and Poetry Editor of the New Yorker. He is the author of 13 books of poetry and

prose. Free and open to the public.

Saint Mary's College MFA program presents Afternoon Craft Conversation with Tongo Eisen-Martin from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at the SMC Museum of Art. This craft talk presupposes that among other potentials, poetry exists within a multidimensional overlap of two spheres of insight; one, that of the music or math of language, and two, the social realities that the poet navigate and digest. Students will explore the strategies, mechanics, and resulting art of prolific poets from various epochs of craft and social contradiction. By the end of the talk, students will be exposed to a useful set of strategies they can use in their own writing and also a lens of social analysis to synthesize with their writing. Free.

KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

Lafayette Community Garden presents "Creating a Fairy Garden Log" - an intergenerational class from noon to 2 p.m. on Sept. 8. The class is a fun nature crafts project appropriate for adults and children alike (kids under 8 years of age need to be accompanied by an adult) where participants can bring their own "found" items from nature to include in their Garden Log creation. Free, but preregistration is required: www.lafayettecommunitygarden.org.

Mindful Littles Workshop: Exploring Awe and Wonder from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 14 at Atma Yoga Studio, 99 Brookwood Rd. Orinda. Awe and Wonder is a magical element of our Universe. When we can tune into it, we practice mindfulness by focusing on the present moment and focusing on something greater than ourselves. During this beautiful workshop, kids will get to experience interactive group discussions and storytelling, practice playful yoga and mindfulness, and do creative projects to explore what it means to discover awe and wonder in their everyday lives. Open to kids: age K-5th grade. \$30. Register at Atma Yoga Studio: <https://www.atma.studio/>

Stop by the Be the Star You Are charity booth between 1 and 3 p.m. on Sept. 22 at Pear and Wine Festival at Moraga commons for free activities for kids, reading circle, and book signing by contributors to the new book, Be the Star You Are! Millennials to Boomers. www.BetheStarYouAre.org/Events

OTHER

It's not too late to find your purrfect kitten. See the cream of the crop at Community Concern for Cats' weekend adoption event from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sept. 8 and 9, at Pet Food Express in Lafayette and Pleasant Hill, and Petco in Walnut Creek. For more information, see www.communityconcernforcats.org.

Don't miss the 14th Annual Orinda Classic Car Show Weekend: "Dancing with the Cars." Pre-party, 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7; Classic Car Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8. Enter your car and buy party tickets today at www.OrindaCarShow.com. These events benefit the Seniors Around Town transportation program, Educational Foundation of Orinda and other local charities.

The Stroke Support Group of Contra Costa County will hold its September meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sept. 10 in the Sequoia Room at John Muir Medical Center - Walnut Creek Campus (1601 Ygnacio Valley Road). Jim Otis DC, Chiropractor will present 'A Stroke Survivor's Road to Recovery.' After the program, attendees will break up into three coping groups: stroke survivors without aphasia, stroke survivors with aphasia, and caregivers and families of stroke survivors -- each group led by a trained professional. For further information about the Stroke Support Group, contact Ann Dzuna at (925) 376-6218. Meetings are free and open to the public.

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