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Lorna Luft next to take the stage at Live at the Orinda Theatre, Oct. 4

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Lorna Luft Photos provided

Lorna Luft was born into Hollywood royalty, the daughter of Judy Garland and film producer Sidney Luft ("A Star is Born"). She will be bringing her musical talent to the Orinda Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4 as part of the fall concert series, Live at the Orinda, where she will be singing the songs her mother taught her.

Luft's acclaimed career has encompassed virtually every arena of entertainment. A celebrated live performer, stage, film and television actress, bestselling author, recording artist, Emmy-nominated producer, and humanitarian, she continues to triumph in every medium with critics labeling her one of the most versatile and exciting artists on the stage today. The daughter of legendary entertainer Garland and producer Luft, music and entertainment have always been integral parts of her life.

Luft is a gifted live performer, frequently featured on the world's most prestigious stages, including The Hollywood Bowl, Madison Square Garden, Carnegie Hall, The

London Palladium, and L'Olympia in Paris. She proves again and again that she's a stellar entertainer, proudly carrying the torch of her family's legendary show business legacy.

"An Evening with Lorna Luft: Featuring the Songbook of Judy Garland" is a theatrical extravaganza that melds one of the world's most familiar songbooks with personal memories of a loving daughter. The show features such standards as "You Made Me Love You," "For Me and My Gal," "The Trolley Song," "Get Happy," "The Man That Got Away," and many more.

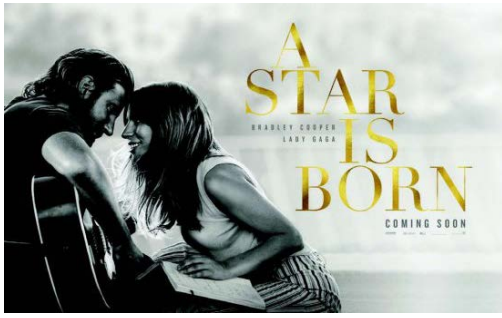
Variety called Lorna's show "a rousing dramatically riveting music event," and it received two Los Angeles Theatre Alliance Ovation Awards (Best World Premiere Musical and Best Musical Direction).

If you have not had the opportunity to attend one of the fabulous cabaret shows at the Orinda Theatre, you don't want to miss this one. Seating is limited. It is recommended that you purchase your tickets as soon as possible, online at www.lamorindatheatres.com or at the Orinda Theatre box office.

Luft's book, "A Star Is Born: Judy Garland and the Film That Got Away," was released on Sept. 18. It explores the history of one of her mother's greatest screen performances. The 248-page book also includes never before seen family photos that capture Garland on and off the set as well as essays on the various abbreviated cuts of "A Star is Born." Lorna will be doing a book signing after the concert.

The most recent "A Star is Born" film starring Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper will be released by Warner Bros. on Oct. 5 and opens at the Orinda Theater the same night. Warner Bros studio released the following description: Seasoned musician Jackson Maine (Bradley Cooper) discovers and falls in love with struggling artist Ally (Gaga). She has just about given up on her dream to make it big as a singer - until Jack coaxes her into the spotlight. But even as Ally's career takes off, the personal side of their relationship is breaking down, as Jack fights an ongoing battle with his own internal demons.

How lucky are we in Lamorinda to hear stories of the making of the Sidney Luft remake of "A Star is Born" starring Judy Garland as told by their daughter one night, and be able to see the modern re-creation the following night in the same movie palace, the Orinda Theatre?



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