

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

'Star is Born' remake opens Oct. 5

By Derek Zemrak

MOVIE REVIEW



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.lamorindatheatre.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 recreation the following night in the same movie palace, the Orinda Theatre?

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Not to be missed

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East Bay Walk to End Alzheimer's at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20 at Heather Farms Park in Walnut Creek. Put on your walking shoes and invite friends and family to take part in the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's, the nations largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Last year, more than 2,300 people participated, raising more than half a million dollars. This year the goal is to raise over \$650,000 locally. Register today at alz.org/walk.

Lafayette Res Run for Education beginning at 8 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21 in Downtown Lafayette. Burn some energy with the kids in the 5k, put on your serious running shoes for the 10k around the Lafayette Reservoir or simply walk your dog or push the stroller in the 2-mile fun run/walk! All ages welcome. Awards for fastest runners. Live music plus Healthy Lifestyles Fair. Register now for the 5k (8 a.m.), 10k (8:15 a.m.) or the 2 mile (8:45 a.m.) and chose your local school: Acalanes Dons, Burton Valley Bobcats, Campolindo Cougars, Happy Valley Huskies, Lafayette Leopards, Miramonte Matadors, Springhill Scorpions and Stanley Wildcats. www.lafayettechamber.org/resrun

Brian Pennis, C.S., will be talking about "Finding Innocence that is Power, Not Vulnerability" at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 21 at the Christian Science Church in Danville, 650 Danville Blvd. Everyone is welcome—loving, free child care is provided—and the talk is free. The event lasts just one hour. Traduccion Simultaneo al Espanol in the Sunday School room. Come treat yourself

to an hour of peace, enlightenment and inspiration. Come to hear about God's spiritual power to heal, guard, guide and love you.

LOPC Breakfast Group at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, Davies Room. Speaker: Joe Terry, CEO of CVI Power Foundation. Topic: Where the Bible and Ironman intersect. \$5 donation at the door for breakfast. RSVP by noon on October 23 to janet@lopc.org or (925) 283-8722 x223.

Daughters of the Goddess Womyn's Temple welcomes womyn and girls of all ages to join them for their annual Womyn's Spiral Dance - A Multi-Cultural Celebration of Our Beloved Ancestors and Crones from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Oct. 26 at the Orinda Masonic Temple, 9 Altarinda Road, Orinda. During this multi-cultural ritual, led by Kahuna Leilani, and accompanied by spiritual elders of different traditions, we come together to honor and celebrate our loved ones who have passed away. We build a collective altar dedicated to our Ancestors; each of us adding photos and mementos of those who we miss and remember. Tickets: \$23 advance by Oct. 22; \$29 at the door. <http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com/2018-rituals/2018-spiral-dance/>

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

Moraga's Candidates Night from 7 to 8:30 pm. on Oct. 3 at the Holy Trinity Serbian Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Come meet the three Moraga Town Council Candidates – Mike McCluer, Dave Trotter and Steve Woehleke – and hear them speak on important issues. Bring your questions or submit your questions to MCN94556@gmail.com.

Not to be missed

This free event is sponsored by the Moraga Citizens Network.

Consumer Action Committee (CAC) is hosting a Disability Education forum with Catharine Baker and Rebecca Bauer-Kahan from 10 a.m. to noon on Oct. 10 at Lafayette Methodist Church, 955 Moraga Road, Lafayette. Attend to hear each candidate answer questions about issues specifically affecting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

In an effort to bring clarity to your thoughts so that your well-informed vote can be cast on Nov. 6, the Orinda Moraga Lafayette (OML) branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host an impartial, informational presentation moderated by the Diablo Valley League of Women Voters (LWV) at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda.

Lamorinda Republican Women Federated's meeting will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 18 at the Orinda Country Club. Please join us to hear Kathleen Jenkins and Eve Phillips, candidates for Orinda City Council discuss their individual platforms. This event will provide voters an opportunity to listen to and ask questions of these two candidates. For additional information, visit www.evefororinda.com and www.ordindaparksandrec.org/397/City-Council-Candidate-Info--11618. Cost: luncheon and speaker \$36; speaker only \$15; speaker only student \$5.

SENIORS

Cooking: Farmers' Market to Harvest Meal - Byron Park Dining

Not to be missed

GARDEN

Services Team from 2 to 4 p.m. on Oct. 11 at Byron Park, 1700 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. There is nothing quite like a meal created from farm-fresh, in-season ingredients. In this demonstration-style class, learn how easy and enjoyable it is to visit your local farmers' market or produce stand in the morning and create a delicious and healthful menu for that night's meal using all those fresh ingredients. RSVP to Lafayette Senior Services by Friday, Oct. 5: Seniors@LoveLafayette.org or (925) 284-5050. \$10 credit card deposit required to hold your spot. Members: Free; Non-members: \$10.

Montelindo Garden Club October meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Community Hall. Presentation: Creating Pumpkulets; Speaker: Shawna Anderson, Horticultural Consultant and Manager of the Custom Container Department at Lafayette's Orchard Nursery. Shawna will demonstrate how to create Pumpkulents, a craft using a pumpkin and succulents. You will discover how you can create these perfect fall decorations for your own home.

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