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Dinner and a Movie - Pasta, Anyone?

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The Lamorinda Film & Entertainment Foundation (LFEF) will feature the Italian comedy, *Loose Cannons*, later this week at the Orinda Theatre. Because the film is about a young man who works in the family's pasta factory (see article above), I was inspired to take a stab at making my own pasta right at home. Since I have no special pasta-making utensils, devices or machines, I was not really anticipating much success, but was rather pleasantly surprised with the results! I did manage to find a metal ruler, and a pizza cutter, both of which came in very handy when cutting the rolled pasta into strips.

The entire process takes about 20-30 minutes or so, and the whole family can join in the fun. If you feel particularly adventuresome, you can try adding pureed spinach, roasted red bell peppers, or even tomatoes and garlic to your dough by mixing them with the egg and oil before integrating with the flour.

If you plan to see *Loose Cannons*, but don't have time to make your own Italian feast before the show, Shelby's in Theatre Square is featuring a special dish just for the occasion-Rouge Risotto, made with oven-roasted beets and grilled New York steak. Or, you can drop into La Piazza across the street, to sample the "Film Festival" special they have in store for theater-goers!

Wherever you decide to dine before the movie ...

Buon Appetito!

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