Not to be missed

The Moraga Art Gallery's new show, "Divine Inspiration," includes paintings of Saint Mary's College by resident artist Barbara Hudler Cella, and stone and glass crochet beadwork by guest artist Mona Bourell. The show, which runs through June 1, will include works by the gallery's 14 resident artists and several guest artists. The gallery is located in the Rheem Shopping Center at 522 Center Street, Moraga. For more info, visit www.moragaartgallery.com or call (925) 376-5407.

A free reception with hors d'oeuvres, adult beverages and live music, will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2 at BMW Concord,

1867 Market Street, Concord to honor 12 Artists from Lafayette Gallery featured at the BMW-Concord dealer showroom. Join them and view the artworks on display. Titled "Road Show," the paintings, photographs, collages and ceramic wall hangings were all created by local artists from the Lafayette Gallery. The art will not only be hanging on the walls, it will include jewelry and ceramics, prints and paintings, displayed in and around the latest models from BMW. For more info, call (888) 707-2860, or visit bmwconcord.com.

New Saint Mary's College Museum of Art Exhibitions. Building a Collection: Selections and New Acquisitions, May 5 - July 14, includes Western landscape paintings by Al-

Inness, William Keith, Lorenzo Latimer and others; European paintings, statuary, and works on paper by Honoré Daumier, Albrecht Dürer, Francisco Goya, and others; works of modern and contemporary artists; Russian icons and ethnographic objects around the world. Marc Chagall: Stories of the Bible, May 5 – July 7, features 16 etchings from one of his greatest bodies of work: the Bible series from the 1930s. SMC Senior Art Majors Thesis Exhibition, May 5 – May 25. There will be an opening day talk by museum director Carrie Brewster from 2 to 2:45 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Admission: \$5 adults, K-12 free. Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For info, call (925) 631-3379 or visit www.stmarys-ca.edu/saint-maryscollege-museum-of-art.

### **MUSIC**

WCSA Lafayette Songwriters' **Competition. Come join the** Lauras for the inaugural Lafayette WCSA Songwriters' Competition! You do not have to be a songwriter to attend this event. The meetings are at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at 81 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. Cost: \$5. For more info, contact Laura Zucker by email at zuckers@aol.com or visit

www.westcoastsongwriters.org/become-a-member.

The Contra Costa Performing Arts Society will perform a free concert at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 26 at the Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek. The concert opens with Henry Martin's sonata for clarinet and piano, followed by Debussy's Images 1 for solo piano. The program concludes with Poulenc's Flute Sonata for flute and piano. For more info, visit www.ccpas.org.

Harps Etc. presents a Harp Festival from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Sunday, May 3-5 at Harps Etc., 1601 N. Main Street, Suite 106, Walnut Creek. Carlos Reyes, Paraguayan harp, Meredith Clark, classical, Bindi Society and more. Cost: \$30 and up. For more info, visit www.HarpsEtc.com or call (925) 937-4277 or email info@HarpsEtc.com.

Join the Contra Costa Wind Sym-Lesher Center for the Arts for a magical evening as it performs the legendary music of jazz pianist Dave Brubeck; the brass sound stylings of Brazzissimo, the Bay Area's No. 1 brass ensemble; and "Casey at the Bat," narrated by Dick Callahan, announcer for the Oakland A's. Tickets: \$25 adult; \$18 senior; \$10 child/youth. Available www.lesherartscenter.org phone, (925) 943-7463.

Musicians representing all seven sections of The Performing Arts Society will play over 20 compositions for voice and/or instrument to honor its founder, Rosamond Davis at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5 at Grace Presbyterian Church, Walnut Creek. The music spans Baroque to Contemporary and includes known and loved composers from each. Free. For details, visit www.ccpas.org.

The Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra will be and will feature soulful saxophonist Dale Wolford performing Glazunov's "Concerto for Saxophone and String Orchestra" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 12 at the Lesher Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. Also on the "French Connection" program are Debussy's "La Boite a Joujoux" and Ravel's "Le Tombeau du Couperin." Tickets: \$10-\$30 at the door, by phone (925) 943-SHOW) or online www.LesherArtsCenter.org.

### THEATER

**Support the students of Miramonte** High School in their endeavor to support "Free the Children" by coming to watch the spring Performers for Progress performance – a high school

student-run variety show – at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 25 and Saturday, April 27 at the Miramonte High School Theater. Tickets: \$6 students; \$12 adults. Available at the box office. (See article page A10)

The Acalanes High School DramaDons theater group presents The Arabian Nights May 1-4 at the Acalanes Performance Arts Little Theater, 1200 Pleasant Hill Rd., Lafayette. A favorite for all ages. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.; doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$10 general, \$7 students. Tickets may be purchased online at www.ahsperformingarts.org or at the door. All proceeds benefit the Acalanes Performing Arts Boosters -Drama Discipline.

**Diablo Ballet concludes its 2012-13** season at 8 p.m. Friday, May 3 and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 4 at the Shadelands Arts Center Auditorium, 111 N Wiget Ln., Walnut Creek, with the Company's popular Inside the Dancer's Studio series, featuring George Balanchine's legendary Stars and Stripes Pas de Deux. Tickets: \$29 - \$38. For more info, visit www.DiabloBallet.org or call (925) 943-1775

Part of Playwrights' Theatre series in the Old Barn at Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville Sunday, May 5. The Cherry Orchard is an important example of how Chekhov and other European dramatists influenced the writings of Eugene O'Neill. Presented by Eugene O'Neill Foundation in partnership with the National Park Service. Tickets: \$25. For more info, visit www.eugeneoneill.org or call (925) 820-1818.

**Company C Contemporary Ballet** presents its innovative spring program Thursday, May 9 at 8 p.m.; Friday, May 10 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 11 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 12 at 1 p.m. at Lesher Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Cost: \$23-\$45. For more info, visit www.companycballet.org or call (925) 943-7469.

"The Lady From The Sea," a staged reading of Henrik Ibsen's play of romance and self-realization at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 19, part of Playwrights' Theatre series in the Old Barn at Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville. The play is an **dren and their parent(s)** can come phony at 8 p.m. Friday, May 3 at the important example of how Ibsen and to enjoy a casual conversation with other European dramatists influenced school administrators and staff, disthe writings of Eugene O'Neill. Presented by Eugene O'Neill Foundation in partnership with the National Park Service. Tickets: \$25. For info, visit www.eugeneoneill.org or call (925) 820-1818.

> Town Hall Theatre closes out its 2012-2013 Season with William Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure." Set in a fictionalized Vienna, the local government instates laws to control a populace that it feels has fallen into moral decay. The production will run May 25 - June 15, with previews on May 23 & 24. It is rated PG for some suggestive moments. Contact Town Hall Theatre Box Office for tickets at (925) 283-1557, or purchase online at www.Town-HallTheatre.com.

### LECTURE & LITERATURE

**Young Adult author Yvonne Prinz** will discuss two of her books including "All You Get is Me" and "The Vinyl Princess" at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 25 in the Arts & Science Discovery Room at the Lafayette Library.

Beyond nuclear power in Californian: a presentation and discussion with Jerald Brown, Ph.D at 7 p.m. Friday, May 10 at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, Owl Room, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek; a potluck dinner proceeds at 6 p.m. Dr. Brown will make a presentation on the World Business Academy's Safe Energy Project with the goal of replacing the San Onofre and Diablo Canyon nuclear power plants with green energy projects, thereby reducing the risks of cancer for those living near the reactors. Suggested Dona-

tion: \$20 and dish to share if attending potluck. No one turned away for lack of funds. For more info call (925) 933-7850.

Not to be missed

Orinda's own Cinda Crabbe MacKinnon will read and discuss her new novel "A Place in the World" at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 18 at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda. For more info, call (925) 254-7606, email orindabooks@thegrid.net or visit www.orindabooks.com.

Celebrate the publication of "Brenda Corrigan Went Downtown" with local writer Donna Kaulkin at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 19 at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square. Champagne and Nibbles will be available along with the reading and signing. For more info, visit Brenda-CorriganWentDowntown.com

#### KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

The 8th Annual Lamorinda Idol auditions are coming! Created and sponsored by the Orinda Arts Council, Lamorinda Idol is a singing competition open to kids K-12th grade as of spring 2013, who either attend school or reside in Orinda, Moraga and Lafayette. Entries may be made by soloists or groups. Auditions will be held May 16 - 18, when finalists and runners-up will be selected by a panel of three judges. Registration for auditions will be from April 1 - 30 at www.orindaartscouncil.org. Finalists will perform at Orinda Theatre Sunday, Sept. 8. Category winners will receive cash prizes, the Audience Award winner will receive a special prize and all finalists will receive gift certificates.

SEED's (Special Education Enrichment Development Foundation) annual fundraiser is almost here! Celebrate Cinco de Mayo and raise money to help our kids from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, May 3 at the Walker Residence at 910 Reliez Station Rd., Lafayette. Tickets: \$25 (includes delicious Mexican favorites such as: made to order tacos, burritos, and quesadillas, dessert from Doodle Cakes and unlimited margaritas, sangria, beer and soda). Purchase tickets in advance at SEED's auction website: seedauction2013.weebly.com.

Incoming kindergarten-age chilcussing our kindergarten program and common topics including kindergarten readiness, emotional maturity, creating smooth transitions and more at St. Perpetua's Taste of Kindergarten from 9 to 10 a.m. May 3. To register for this event, visit stpsparenteducation.eventbrite.com.

7th Annual Moraga Community Faire will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 11 in the Rheem Valley Shopping Center. This annual event is planned and organized by the Moraga Chamber of Commerce. The core of this community gathering is its businesses, coming out to meet and greet the public. Other attractions will include a classic car show, wine tasting from our local vineyards, cool music from our schools' bands on our stage, and oodles of activities for the kids.

Make-A-Wish's 4th annual family, dog and stroller-friendly 5K walk will take place from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 1 at Saint Mary's College, 1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. Walk day includes food and entertainment, with a focus on wish-granting and wish children! Registration, breakfast and entertainment will be from 8 to 9 a.m.; the walk starts at 9 a.m. and ends about 10 to 11 a.m. with food, entertainment and BYO picnic. For more info, call (415) 982-9474 or visit www.sf.wish.org.

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### Lamorinda's Religious Services





**Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church** 433 Moraga Way, Orinda, 254-3422 www.holyshepherd.org



8:15 a.m. Traditions Worship Service 9:40 a.m. Education for all ages 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service Coffee Fellowship at 9:15 and 11:45 a.m. Childcare available for ages 5 and younger



St. Giles Episcopal Church
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Sunday School & Eucharist at 9am St. Mary's College Chapel 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga 925-376-5770 - www.stgiles-moraga.org

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## The Orinda Community Church

10 Irwin Way, Orinda | 925.254.4906 | www.orindachurch.org

"No matter who you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!'

Join us Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

### St. Anselm's Episcopal Church A Loving Community

### **Sunday Services: 8 and 10 AM**

*In-church Youth Zone, 10 AM Nursery Childcare* 682 Michael Lane, Lafayette, 284-7420, www.stanselms.ws



### Lafayette United Methodist Church

955 Moraga Rd., Lafayette, 284-4765, office@thelumc.org

Worship Sunday 10 am Children/Youth Sunday School Sunday 10 am Youth Fellowship Sunday 6 pm

Get connected.



Grow in your faith. Serve others.

Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church Sunday Worship 9 & 11:00 a.m. Programs for children & youth

49 Knox Drive I Lafayette I www.LOPC.org I 925-283-8722

### ORINDA CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

24 Orinda Way (next to the Library) - 254-4212

Sunday Service and Sunday School 10 - 11 am Informal Wednesday Meeting 7:30 - 8:30 pm Reading Room/Bookstore M - F 11 - 4; Sat 10 - 1 www.christianscienceorinda.org

Lafayette Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Each Sunday, one kid brings an item for "Sunburst Surprise." Pastor Steve gets five minutes to dream up a message that ties the surprise object in with our faith and goals. Some call it the

9:30 a.m.—Education for youth and adults. 11 a.m. Worship 584 Glenside Drive, Lafayette lccdisciples@gmail.com

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