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## Band Including Lamorinda Residents Competes in "Oakland's Got Talent"

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From left, Brave Ulysses band members Tjaard Van Loben Sels (Orinda), Chris Tuck (Martinez), Harrison Flynn (Martinez), Noah Baldwin (Moraga), Jared Cvetich (Walnut Creek) and Tyler Bach (Martinez). Photo provided Noah Baldwin, a Moraga resident and junior at Oakland School for The Arts is the lead vocalist and rhythm guitarist for Brave Ulysses - one of 12 contestants competing in Oakland's Got Talent June 4 at the Fox Theater in Oakland. Tjaard Van Loben Sels, an Orinda resident who attends Orinda Intermediate School is the cello player for the band. Brave Ulysses has been a band for three years and also includes Harrison Flynn on lead guitar, Chris Tuck on bass, Tyler Bach on guitar and Jared Cvetich on drums. They will perform one of their original songs, "Sympathy," for the show. Brave Ulysses takes its name from the song by Cream, "Tales of Brave Ulysses" and is influenced by classic rock groups like Led Zeppelin, Cream and Rush while also drawing inspiration from '90s rock bands like Nirvana and Foo Fighters. They formed in January of 2011 and over the years have grown both as musicians and as people, they say, having played at festivals like The King of The County BBQ in Martinez, Fridays on The Main in downtown Martinez, and the Alameda County Fair, as well as at venues like Red House in Walnut Creek, The

Vitus in Oakland, DNA Lounge in San Francisco, and the world famous Whisky a Go Go in LA. To learn more about Brave Ulysses, visit facebook.com/BraveUlysses13. Oakland's Got Talent is a fundraiser for Oakland School for the Arts as well as 510akland, a non-profit bringing music to schools in Oakland. To learn more about the event, visit oaklandsgottalent.org.

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