Time to Get Out and Boogie

Rock the Plaza starts this Friday; Orinda and Moraga concerts in the park start June 9 and 18

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By Cathy Tyson



Big turnout at last year's Summer Concert Series

bringing festive fun on Friday

enough time for happy hour with the

neighbors, or a chance to picnic and

moves.

to bring your own.

ime to say goodbye to the May people from grandma to the kids can cial Opera in the Park concert is weather malaise and welcome rock out. The men of tone, also June with sunshine and music. Don't known as the Megatones, bring their miss Lafayette's best dance party suburban wall of sound to the park the every Friday night this month at Plaza following Friday, June 12. The Ac-Park at the corner of Moraga Road cents, featuring Raja Singh, the founder and owner of Red House Stuand Mt. Diablo Boulevard. These dios will play on June 19. free family-friendly live concerts feature a host of bands new to Lafayette, Wrapping up the series on Friday

Within easy walking distance are Movies in the Park also start this

June 26, is a bevy of talented teens evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., from Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda, also known as the Lamorinda Teen Idol Finalists. Next stop American let the kids embrace their inner dance idol? Orinda's Concerts in the Park and

a number of establishments offering month, beginning with the rock 'n' casual dining options from salad to roll sounds of DND Band June 9. burritos to frozen yogurt to grab-and-The Orinda Concerts in the Park sego chicken and pizza by the slice. Got ries, sponsored by the Orinda Parks plastic cups? Adult beverages are fine and Recreation Foundation, supto enjoy responsibly, but you'll have ported by the Orinda Community Foundation, Rotary Club of Orinda Kicking off the dance party June and city of Orinda, features 10 con-5 is The 925 Band, which plays an certs held Tuesday evenings from array of cover songs from the '70s 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Orinda Com-

scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday,

Photo Andy Scheck

Movies in the Park will kick off this month, starting at dusk Thursday, June 25 with the showing of "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" at the Orinda Community Park. For information, visit cityoforinda.org.

The annual free Summer Concert Series, sponsored by the Moraga Park Foundation, starts Thursday, June 18 with local band Moonalice playing '60s music at the Moraga Commons Park. The concerts start at 6 p.m. every Thursday during the summer months. Families can bring their own picnic or enjoy dinner cooked for them on site. The second concert on June 25 will feature the group Forejour, a Foreigner Journey tribute band. The ADA path constructed by the town will be finished in time for the first concert. For information, visit www.moragaparks.org/concert.html.

ing, are available at the door or

through www.showTix4u.com.



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THE WRITING STUDIO Where Words Come to Life

Wagner Ranch Presents 'Willy Wonka Jr.' June 5-6

and '80s to current tunes, so party munity Park through Aug. 11 (a spe-

Submitted by Anne Lowell

School's magical musical, "Willy Wonka Jr.," opens this Friday, June 5. Writer Roald Dahl started the itv. story in 1961 and worked through multiple drafts for three years to create one of the world's sweetest children's classics, still beloved more Luscutoff have worked tirelessly with

humor and whimsy, the inspiration for the story came from his own childhood experiences as a tester for a Wagner Ranch at 4 and 7 p.m. Friday, chocolate company. His story follows young Charlie, whose honesty, brav- June 6. Tickets, which are \$12 for re-

ganer Ranch Elementary ery and kindness are rewarded when served seats and \$10 for general seata reclusive candy maker introduces him to a world where fantasy is real-

Director Ron Pickett, producers than 50 years after its original release. the fourth- and fifth-grade actors for Filled with Dahl's trademark months, crafting a theatrical event of pure imagination suitable for all ages.

The show will be presented at June 5 and at 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday,

Ara Jelalian and Jackie Lawrence-Knight, and musical director Derek



Cast A performs at 4 p.m. Friday, June 5 and at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 6. Photos Robyn Lewis

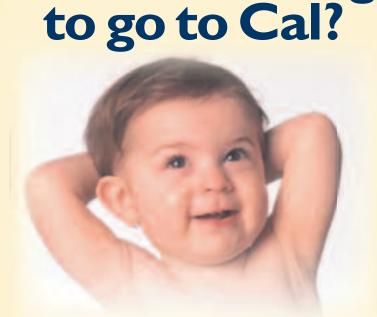


Cast 1 performs at 7 p.m. Friday, June 5 and at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6.



Tech Crew for "Willy Wonka Jr."

Is this too young



Actually, it's just the right age to get an eye exam at the University of California Eye Center. And again at three years. And regularly after that. (We developed ways to test kids' eyes while they play!) We're part of the UC School of Optometry, and offer you LASIK surgery, contact lenses, and an Eyewear Center with a vast collection of designer frames, too. We take most insurance plans, and major credit cards. It's time for your whole family to go Cal!



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