

Climb onto a Flying Carpet and Soar into a Magical New Musical

Submitted by Ron Lytle



Gene E. (Noel Thomas) Princess Balroubadora (Jessica LaFever) and Aladdin (Daniel Ye) take off on a high-flying adventure in Ron Lytle's "Aladdin and the Lamp." Photo Sue Ellen Nelsen

For its 2016 season, East Bay Children's Theatre proudly presents a World Premiere Musical Event: "Aladdin and the Lamp."

Based on the timeless "Arabian Nights" tale, "Aladdin and the Lamp" retells the story of a boy who is lost on the highway of life. After being trapped by a comical villain (Felonoso), Aladdin falls in love, discovers a magical lamp and its occupant (one Gene E. Schwartz), changes his ways, and finally learns what it truly means to be "like a man."

EBCT has commissioned award-winning playwright and composer Ron Lytle to create another high-flying, crowd-pleasing family musical. He also directs the colorful and lively production.

The cast comprises talent gathered from throughout the entire Bay Area, and includes: Terry Pink Alexander, Abe Bernstein, Gemma Bulos, Candy Capogrossi, Barbara Ann Cecchetti, Alex Cox, Harriet Hanauer, Aurelia Jordan, Daniel Le, Pablo Hamlin, Jessica LaFever, Jef-

frey Morrill, Noel Thomas, Eve McElheney Tieck and Wayne D. Stefan.

Public performances of "Aladdin and the Lamp" will be presented at 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 13 at The Jewish Community Center of the East Bay in Berkeley; and at 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 20 at the Orinda Library Auditorium. Tickets are \$12-\$15, and may be purchased online at: www.EBCTonline.org. Advance purchase is strongly recommended, as performances will sell out.

Service Clubs Announcements



Explore Lamorinda Rotary clubs The heart of Rotary is our clubs- dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship. Learn about Lamorinda's Rotary clubs.

A global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.



We meet Friday mornings at 7:00 am at **The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa**, 3666 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. For more info, please email us at lamorindasunrise@gmail.com

March 11:
Budd McKenzie from Trust in Education

March 18:
Steve Richards from the Climate Reality Project

Lafayette Rotary Club

Step in on a Thursday and join us for our lunch meeting. Thursday at noon Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

March 10:
Bob Shusta - SWAT and Hostage incidents in Concord in the 1980s

March 17:
Stephanie Shaterian, Owner, fLO Content Marketing

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KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

Teen Tech Week: Tech it up from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 in the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Arts and Science room. This program features DIY 3D holograms for your smartphone, 3D printing, MaKey MaKey, scribble bots and electronic snap circuits.

March Madness is adopt a kitty month. See the team at the Community Concern for Cats adoption event this weekend from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 12 at the Pet Food Express in Lafayette and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 12-13, at Pet Food Express in Pleasant Hill, and Petco in Walnut Creek. For more info, visit www.communityconcernforcats.org.

The Lombardy Branch of UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland will be hosting "A Week on the Amalfi Coast" fashion show on March 17.

Free Practice exams for the New SAT and ACT at the Moraga Library. New SAT from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on March 19 with a review at 6 p.m. on March 31, and the ACT on April 23 with the review on May 5. Sign up online or at the Moraga Library. Signups include the test return and review date.

The Friends of the Lafayette Library Bookmark Contest, open to all Lafayette students, grade K-8, is happening again. Entry forms are available at school libraries for Lafayette School District and St. Perpetua School, the Lafayette Library and Learning Center and at the Friends Corner Book Shop. The entry deadline is Friday, March 18. Winners will receive a gift certificate from Orinda Books, the Friends Corner Book Shop and complimentary framing of their bookmarks at Fastframe of Lafayette. For more information please contact Kay Pekrul at kae865@hotmail.com.

Teen March Madness from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 23 in the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Teen Center. You can make sports collages, bouncy balls and a basketball hoop to shoot stuff through.

The Friends of the Orinda Library is excited to announce the com-

mencement of the 2016 Poul Anderson Creative Writing Contest, open to all high school students who reside and/or attend high school in Orinda. Entry Categories are Science Fiction/Fantasy, Essay/Memoir/Biography, Poetry and Short Story. Students may submit one entry in any of the four categories for a total of not more than three entries. Submission deadline is noon on Friday, April 22. Entries should be submitted to individual school representatives or at the Orinda Library. For additional information go to: www.friendsoftheorindalibrary.org or email contest@friendsoftheorindalibrary.com.

OTHER

The big semi-annual book sale will be held at the Moraga Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 12. There will be hundreds of books in various categories priced from 25 cents to \$4. From 1 to 2 p.m. a large paper bag can be purchased for \$5 and filled with as many books as it can hold.

Do you know of a young adult with social anxiety challenges, spectrum behaviors or learning differences who could use a supported independent living environment in a social community? Aspen Network helps young people develop personal and social confidence to help them launch into adulthood. The next Meet and Greet is from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 15 Vallecito Lane, Orinda. RSVP to mbarker.aspen@gmail.com.

The Moraga Movers will hold their monthly dinner meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, March 14 at the Saint Mary's College Soda Center. The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. La De Da, a ladies cappella vocal quartet, will provide the entertainment. Reservations can be made online at www.moragamovers.org. Cost: \$20 for members; \$30 for non-members.

The Stroke Support Group of Contra Costa County will hold its March meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. on March 14 in the Sterns Conference Room at John Muir Medical Center - Walnut Creek Campus (1601 Ygnacio Valley Road). Contessa Bunn of the California Telephone Access Program will discuss the free program for communication accessibility. For further information about the Stroke Support Group, contact Ann Dzuna at (925) 376-6218. Free.

Persian New Year Festival – Jump over the bonfires to welcome spring with Persian food, music, dancing, and children's activities from 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesday, March 15 at 2029 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Rain or shine. Free. For info, visit www.AnotherBullwinkelShow.com or call (510) 334-6523.

Friends Corner Book Shop at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center is having a half-price sale from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sat. March 19 at the store located on the corner of First Street & Golden Gate Way in Lafayette.

Caregiver Survival 101: Caring for Someone with a Dementia - Reducing Your Stress from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 23 at Eldercare Services, 1808 Tice Valley Blvd. Walnut Creek. Caregiver Survival Series topics include: The major challenges of dementia care, responses and reactions to reduce your stress, and self-care activities, mini-support groups, and resources for coaching and support.

Area residents who own classic cars are invited to participate in the 8th annual Moraga Classic Car Show, which takes place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 14 as part of the 2016 Moraga Community Faire. The \$30 registration fee includes an entry ribbon, lunch for two, a commemorative photo, and a chance for owners to display their restoration work to the public. Prizes will be awarded. The registration deadline is May 1. To register, go to www.moragachamber.org/faire or call Gloria at (925) 247-4473.

SENIORS

Art of Balance - If you are worried about falling or are at risk of falling, you should know about activities that improve balance. Learn how to gain increased balance and avoid the risk of falling from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. March 23, Cedar Room, Lafayette Community Center. Cost: members, free; non-members \$10.

Sons In Retirement - Las Trampas Branch 116 welcomes guests to socialize at the monthly luncheon beginning at 11 a.m. Monday, March 21 held at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. Guest speaker is Bill Green, co-director of the Speakers Bureau of the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley. Please call

(925) 322-1160 to make lunch reservations, the cost for lunch is \$15. For more info about the SIRs activities for retired men, visit www.Branch116.org.

GARDEN

The Moraga Garden Club Meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga, at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 17. Guest speaker will be Beth Branthaver, from the Lindsay Wildlife Experience, formerly, Lindsay Wildlife Museum, who will discuss "Birds in the Garden." Interested parties are welcome for the 9:30 a.m. social time, marketplace table and meeting at 10 a.m.

Lafayette Garden Club. presents "An Andalusian Legacy" from 9:45 to noon Thursday, March 10 with speaker Katherine Greenberg, who will discuss creating beautiful and sustainable gardens suited to California's Mediterranean climate. Meetings are held at the Lafayette Veteran's Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. For info, email Car-

olyn Poetzsch at cpoetzsch@gmail.com.

The Walnut Creek Garden Club will hold its March meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the Gardens at Heather Farm, Monday, March 14. Business 9:30 a.m., social 10:30 a.m., speaker 11 a.m. Program: "Photo Essay of the Animals and Plants Found on Mount Diablo" by Dirk Muehler, Shell Ridge open space nature photographer.

Montelindo Garden Club meeting will be at 9 a.m. Friday, March 18 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda. Visitors welcome. Topic: "From Farm to Vase Floral Designs." Anna Campbell, owner of The Floral Cultural Society flower shop in Oakland, will demonstrate her farm-to-table floral design style. For info, visit www.montelindogarden.com.

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