

MOVIE REVIEW

Film Clips

'Star Trek Beyond' is Explosive Good Fun for Even Non-Trekkies

By Derek Zemrak



The late Anton Yelchin and Zachary Quinto in "Star Trek Beyond." Photo Provided

The entire cast, since the 2009 JJ Abrams reboot of the "Star Trek" movie franchise, returns in the third installment, "Star Trek Beyond."

The cast includes Chris Pine (Captain James T. Kirk), Zachary Quinto (Commander Spock), Karl Urban (Doctor "Bones" McCoy), Simon Pegg (Scotty), John Cho (Sulu), Anton Yelchin (Chekov) and Zoe Saldana (Lieutenant Uhura). Sadly, Yelchin died in a freak car accident at his home on June 19 at the age of 27.

This time Justin Lin, best known for directing the "Fast and the Furious" movie franchise, directs this stellar cast. As you would expect from Lin, this Star Trek film has an added dose of adrenaline, speed and steroid-fueled digital effects. The \$150 million estimated budget gave Lin a lot of playing room.

When the USS Enterprise is destroyed, the courageous crew explores the deep uncharted area of space while ruthless mysterious enemies condemn them. We learn more about Captain James T. Kirk – who he is and his relationship with his father that drives him to continue his captaincy of the USS Enterprise. Kirk has all the adventures he could ask for as he is being falsely lured into uncharted space where he encounters Krall, portrayed by Golden Globe recipient Idris Elba (Luther), who plans to destroy the Federation.

During a few parts of the movie, I felt like I was watching another superhero film with all the building destruction and the battles taking place between good and evil, which is not the pace or elements of a meaningful "Star Trek" theme. But overall I enjoyed the film for what it has become – pure entertain-

ment of a great sci-fi spectacle. Some Trekkies will disagree with me but that is what makes the world interesting.

"Star Trek Beyond" will, without question, be receiving several award nominations for special effects during award season later in the year. It is rated PG13 and has a total running time of 120 minutes.

"Star Trek Beyond" is currently playing at the Orinda Theatre and is one movie that must be seen on the big screen. Do not miss it. "Live long, and prosper."

Upcoming Special Events at Lamorinda Theaters:

7 p.m. July 30: Charlie Chaplin Festival – See the 1921 classic, "The Kid" starring Charlie Chaplin with live baby grand piano score by Patti Liedecker and lecture by Derek Zemrak at the Rheem Theatre.

7 p.m. Aug. 11: FREE Movie Night at Orinda Theatre – "On The Waterfront"

Aug. 12 – 16: The International Film Showcase returns with the award winning film "The Clan," a true story from Argentina. August 13: Laurel and Hardy Festival with live baby grand piano score by Patti Liedecker and lecture by Derek Zemrak at the Rheem Theatre.

7 p.m. Aug. 20: Live Concert at the Rheem with one of the East Bay's great tenors, Douglas Bryson.

August 27: Gorilla Fest at the Rheem – Enjoy some of the greatest gorilla movies ever made, including "King Kong" (1933), "Mighty Joe Young" (1949), "Bela Lugosi Meets a Brooklyn Gorilla" (1952) and "Konga" (1961). Hollywood legend and Oscar nominee Terry Moore will be in attendance and will also be inducted into the Classic Film Hall of Fame.

Setting the Stage for the Lamorinda Idols

By Sophie Braccini



The arts and crafts table was busy as families picnicked on the lawn at Orinda Community Park, with singers in the gazebo. Photo Sophie Braccini

The Lamorinda Arts Council made it a complete family treat at the Orinda Community Park recently, offering craft and art activities for kids, family picnics on the lawn provided, if desired, by a food truck, while on stage, finalists and runner-ups among the 130-plus Lamorinda Idols 2016 participants serenaded the crowd.

"This is our 11th year (of the Lamorinda Idol)," said Lamorinda Arts Council's Jenny Staelin. "For the past three years we have added

with great delight that more young families were joining the event and participating, a testimony to a bright future for the arts in Lamorinda, she said.

Steve Harwood, chairman of the Lamorinda Idol program, had set up his equipment. "We have more than 30 people now involved in the (Idol) committee," he said. The popularity of the singing competition is ongoing with over 130 participants this year from grades K to 12 competing either solo or in group.

"The finals will be on Sept. 4 at the Orinda Theater," said Harwood, a local businessman who volunteers his time to the organization. "It will be an all-day long event where the audience will give its feedback and professional judges will select the winners."

On the night of July 20, the singers were just there to showcase their talent and practice for the big day. Some amazing voices were heard, with all styles of music including rock and country music. The 2016 Lamorinda Idol will be a vintage one. More information at www.lamorindaarts.org.

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9/20	Jeanette Fritzy	Medication management & your health
9/27	Catherine Baker	CA State Assemblywoman for Contra Costa
10/4	Ron Coccimiglio	Cal football athlete development

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