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Lamorinda Arts Council hosts Art of Mixology fundraiser, Oct. 7

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More than 20 well-known and upcoming East Bay mixologists will come together from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 to support the Lamorinda Arts Council - a nonprofit that has been igniting and sustaining artistic expression and appreciation in the visual, performing and literary arts for people of all ages in our community for over 65 years - at its 4th annual Art of Mixology Fundraiser at the Orinda Theatre Square.

Art of Mixology attendees will have the opportunity to sample unique cocktails from exceptional mixologists as well as vote live on site to help determine who will be named Mixologist of the Year, Top Amateur and Audience Favorite.

Ryan Wehrenberg of Park Bistro at the Lafayette Park Hotel was named Mixologist of the Year last year and is returning again this year for another chance at the title.

Vying for this year's title will also be David King of Oakland's Hutch Bar and Kitchen, Jeremy Vadurro from Beer Baron Bar and Kitchen in Pleasanton, Portia Battistini of Lafayette's Cooperage American Grille, and more creative mixologists.

"I'm thrilled that my participation, as well as the participation of other local mixologists who love the craft of designing and innovating cocktails, will support local arts," said Wehrenberg. "Last year was my first competition and to be able to win on my first attempt was amazing for me. I loved constructing my cocktail and watching hundreds of fundraiser attendees enjoy it as well as share their thoughts. I can't wait to compete in this year's Art of Mixology and join in the fun again for a cause."

Tickets are \$45 in advance and can be purchased online at www.lamorindaarts.org/mixology. Day of tickets can be purchased at the event for \$55.

"Art of Mixology brings together community members in the most festive of ways while celebrating the arts," explained Lawrence Kohl, president of Lamorinda Arts Council. "It's one of my favorite fundraising events and I look forward to it each and every year."

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