## Free Popcorn At the Orinda Theater By Cathy Tyson



The Orinda Theater has free popcorn available Monday through Thursday as a way to entice moviegoers into the theater. Because of the historic artwork on the ceiling, they can't pop it in Orinda, however it's popped fresh daily and brought over from the Grand Lake Theater.

Owner Allen Michaan of Renaissance Rialto Theaters says, "The addition of 16 screens in Walnut Creek and 16 screens in Pleasant Hill has diluted the market place. This is the last old movie theater in the county, if it's not supported it can't survive."

To that end, Randy Holleschau, formerly of the Orinda Film Festival, is in the middle of negotiations regarding additional live entertainment events at the Theater. An agreement has not been finalized as yet.



