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will be held at the Del Valle Theater in

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through March 14th and then the new

group show "Inner Spirit" will open

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Big Band, Double Take Stanley Middle School Jazz Messengers, Faces of Jazz, Acalanes School Jazz Band, The Ray Brown Great Big Band and Contra Costa County Honor Jazz Bands. Tickets, venues and pricing available at the Lafayette Chamber (925) 284-7404 or www.lafayettechamber.org. See story on page 5.

A BICENTENNIAL CONCERT of works by Haydn (d. 1809) and Mendelssohn (b. 1809) will be presented at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 7:00



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Enjoy the 40's and 50's music of Eddie Williams – a self-contained oneman show - a mix of vocals and instrumentation featuring Eddie on vocals, guitar and saxophone. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served while you listen to Eddie perform the music of Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and more. Thursday, March 19 from 6:45 pm to 8:15 pm. This is event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP by March 16th to Candice Moses 925-377-7900 or e-mail to candice.moses@aegisliving.com.

WomenSing, a 50 voice chorus, will perform Sunday, April 5 at 4:00pm, Saint Mary's Chapel, 1928 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga: "Stars" by Dublanc and Randall Thompson, contemporary Norwegian music, music in celebration of Mendelssohn's 200 birth anniversary, and the mystical Holst's Choral Hymns from the Rig-Veda. Ticket prices are: \$25 reserved \$20 general \$18 Seniors/students \$10 youth 18 and under. Tickets may be purchased online at www.womensing.org, at the door, or by calling (925) 974-9169.

THEATER

Contra Costa College Drama Department Artistic Director Clay David directs a landmark production of Lorraine Hansberry's "A RAISIN IN THE SUN" at the Knox Center for the Performing Arts Center, March 4-8, at 8 p.m. According to David, the play centers on the Younger family who find themselves at a crossroads when the family patriarch dies and leaves them with \$10,000 in insurance money. "Dreams," says David, "can make a life worth living, but they can also be dashed by bad decisions. "What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up like a Raisin in the Sun?" Corner of El Portal Drive and Castro in San Pablo. 510-235-7800 ext. 4274 \$15.00 General \$10.00 Students.

Irish dancers from the Moore School of Irish Dance in Walnut Creek will be performing award-winning Traditional

Not to be missed Irish Step Dance and Storytelling from 3-5 pm at the Moraga Art Gallery, through Irish dance drama. It promises 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping to be great family entertainment, suitable Center/next to Longs Drugs. Open for children and adults. Performances Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5

pm.925.376.5407.

"Objects of Affection," at the Lafayette Gallery runs through March 7th and the new show, "Food, Glorious Food" opens March 10th. Gallery Hours: 11 - 5 pm Tuesday – Saturday, 50 Lafayette Circle, 925-284-2788.

"Faberge Tiffany Lalique" March 25 -2:00pm, Moraga Library. A Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco docent lecture based on the current exhibit at the Legion of Honor running through May 31. The exhibit provides first comparative study of three great jewelry and decorative arts designers: Peter Carl Faberge, Louis Comfort tiffany, and Rene Lalique.

LITERATURE & LECTURES

Mysterious California Book Discussion Series-Kirk Russell's "Shell Games." On March 19: 1:00—3:00 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. Moraga Library Facilitated book discussion of Russell's John Marquez novel which takes place along the northern California coast and features a unique sleuth: an ex-DEA who now heads a special investigative unit.

Moraga Book Sale -March 7-10 a.m.to 1:00 p.m. The Friends of the Moraga Library are conducting their annual inventory reduction sale in the parking lot behind the Library. Come and find your favorite materials and authors out of some 1000 reasonably priced books. For more information, call 925-376-6259.

KIDS

Children's activities at the Moraga **Library:** Storytime- Stories and crafts for children three to seven-Tuesdays through March 17, 4:00—4:30 pm; Lapsit -Stories, songs and bounces for baby and caregiver-Wednesdays through March 18, 10:00—10:20 a.m.; Toddlertime-Stories, rhymes and fun-Ages 2 to 3-1/2 with adult participation-Wednesdays through March 18, 10:45—11:15 a.m.

Powell's Sweet Shoppe, 3591 Mt. Diablo Blvd in Lafayette, will celebrate its 1st Birthday on Saturday, March 14 starting at 10 a.m. Special guest Mike Tee Vee of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory fame will be signing autographs all morning. You can also win a chance to have lunch with Mike at one of Lafayette's restaurants. 1,000 Wonka Bars will be given away with 5 chances to win a Golden Ticket!

PARENTS

On Saturday, March 7 from 10am-

Not to be missed

3pm, Las Lomas student Resham Ramsay, as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award, will present an "Anti-Stress Fest" to help Acalanes District Communities deal constructively with the stress in our lives. This project is being presented in conjunction with the Girl Scouts of America and is open to staff, parents, and students from all district schools. Come spend the day and participate in activities to help reduce whatever stresses you have in your lives! Los Lomas HS gym, 1460 South Main Street in Walnut Creek.

Meditating Moms & Dads ... Finding Peace in the School Parking Lot. Sherry Berman MA, has been working with people who are struggling through the different transitions in their lives including parenthood, divorce and career change. As a career and life transitions counselor and spiritual director, Sherry draws from a variety of therapeutic foundations, to help people transition through the challenging times in life in ways that are positive and healthy. Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 7:00–8:30pm, library. No fee, register at the event or on-line (course # 05-6109) http://adulted.acalanes.k12.ca.us.

Topics on every Middle School Parents' Mind, Wednesday, March 11 7-9 pm, MPH, Orinda Intermediate

School, 80 Ivy Drive, Orinda. Irene Coleman (MFT), Lafayette and Mark Bressler, Lafayette Academy, will deal with the many different aspects of a middle school students' life and how it impacts the family around. Some of the topics that will be covered: Why reading comprehension is even more important than soccer? The significance of your child's learning style (includes a take home assessment.) Why grades don't tell the whole story. The emotional and physical challenges faced by middle schoolers and their parents and familiesincluding information on alcohol and drugs. How to nurture your child along the middle school path.

Environment," presentation by Dr. Richard Freed - Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. Children's addiction to video games and the Internet is a fast-growing problem. Learn how to protect your child in this interactive talk (for parents 7 p.m., Wagner Ranch Elementary School Library. Sponsored by the Wagner Ranch Parents Club. Dr. Freed speaks nationally on the health effects of children's media use; his work has been published in the journal Pediatrics and Mothering Magazine; and he has appeared on CBS Bay Area TV News. For more information

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The Exquisite Sounds of the Tilden Trio in the Chapel at Saint Mary's College

Submitted by Betty Bell-Amarant



The Committee for Lectures, Art and Music will present three virtuoso artists for an afternoon of superb music in The Chapel at Saint Mary's College on Sunday, March 15 at 2:00pm.

After collaborating for decades in various ensembles, The Tilden Trio was formed in 2004 by Juilliard schoolmates, Sarn Oliver (first violin, San Francisco Symphony), Peter Wyrick (Associate Principal Cello, San Francisco Symphony) and June Choi Oh (Piano Faculty, San Francisco Conservatory of Music). The Trio has appeared in the Berkeley Chamber Series, Noe Valley Chamber Series, Chancellor's Series at University of California, San Francisco and San Francisco Symphony Chamber Music Series at Davies Symphony Hall. Known for their solo and chamber music experience, each of these accomplished musicians has performed nationally and abroad.

Committee for Lectures, Art and Music at Saint Mary's College WHO: WHAT: The Tilden Trio

WHEN:

Sunday, March 15, 2009 @ 2pm WHERE:

Saint Mary's College Chapel, 1928 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga, **TICKETS:** Suggested Donation \$25 general; \$20 seniors (65+); \$12

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