

Impressive Productions at 6th Annual Lamorinda Acalanes Unified Film Festival



LAUFF6 winners, from left: Scott Call, Lauren Carr, Zachary Beck, Christina Beck, Julia Anderson, Colter Harris, John Cornell, Tucker O'Neil, Laura Gustafson, Paul Sarconi, Victor Thresh, Aja Adair, Conor MacKinnon, Andrew Christian, Justin Seligman, Bill Tawfall, Taylor Hunt, Jeff Sawdon Photo Justin Seligman

The Lamorinda Acalanes Unified Film Festival (LAUFF6), held last month at the Campolindo Performing Arts Center (CPAC), included screenings of 26 exciting short films, each written, directed, and produced by students from Acalanes, Campolindo, Los Lomas, Miramonte, and JM Intermediate schools, and the celebration of winners in 11 categories.

"The Campo video program offers four levels, and some students go on to top film schools," said Campolindo Film Arts teacher and LAUFF founder and coordinator Justin Seligman. "Senior Jeff Sawdon received a President's Scholarship to Dodge School of Film at Chapman University (an \$80,000 scholarship). Julia Anderson also won the Young Filmmakers Scholarship

(\$500) sponsored by Orinda Arts Council. She was also awarded the Underclassmen award for Video Production." Leigh Scanlon won the Senior Video Production Award and Sam Crossley won a special CPAC award for four years of service to the school theater, Seligman added. "We had a fun show. Also in attendance was Vince DeQuattro of 32 Ten studios who said a few kind words from the stage."

Special acknowledgement was given to The Orinda Arts Council for sponsoring the \$500 OAC Young Filmmakers Scholarship Fund to supplement summer filmmaking educational opportunities for LAUFF6 award winners. Other sponsors included New York Film Academy at Universal Studios, Lamorinda Theaters, East Bay Media Center, San Francisco School of

Digital Filmmaking, Academy of Art University: Pre-College Art Experience, Interlochen Center for the Arts, 32 Ten Studios and AVID, which pledged thousands of dollars in tuition reductions for winners of the film festival to attend Film/Video/Acting summer programs for teens.

"The festival showcases the talent of our community's students: as actors, as screenwriters, as cinematographers, and as digital artists. It gives them a forum to tell their own stories, in their own voices," Seligman said. "If there was one message I wish to impart to these students, it's that they have an historically unprecedented ability to deliver a message to the world. My role is to give them the tools to discover the talent they have lying within." *J. Wake*

And the LAUFF6 winners are:

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| Best Actor: Conor MacKinnon
Acalanes
<i>Mystery Product</i>
Sponsored by New York Film Academy | Best Cinematography: Tucker O'Neil
Acalanes
<i>Haazard</i>
Sponsored by Bay Area Video Coalition |
| Best Actress: Aja Adair
Campolindo
<i>A Life Deferred</i>
Sponsored by East Bay Media Center | Best Use of Audio: Chessa Mehlman
Las Lomas
<i>Palos Verdes Blue</i>
Sponsored by the Academy of Art University |
| Best Screenplay: Heidi Roodvoets
Miramonte
<i>Man's Best Friend</i>
Sponsored by Interlochen School of the Arts | Best Comedy: Colter Harris
Campolindo
<i>The Tutor</i>
Sponsored by Lamorinda Theaters |
| Best Special Effects/Title Sequence/Motion Graphics: Cameron Bagley, Julia Anderson, Laura Gufstafson, Keith Geiger
Campolindo
<i>Pokeworld</i>
Sponsored by Lamorinda Theatres | Best Editor: Leigh Scanlon
Campolindo
<i>Intro to Campo</i>
Sponsored by New York Film Academy |
| Best Director: Cameron Bagley, Julia Anderson, Laura Gufstafson, Keith Geiger
Campolindo
<i>High School Survival Guide to Sports Safety</i>
Sponsored by New York Film Academy | Best Lighting: Jeff Sawdon
Campolindo
<i>It Gets Better</i>
Sponsored by Lamorinda Theaters |
| | 32 Ten Award: Taylor Hunt, Sam Crossley, Jeff Sawdon
Campolindo
<i>Halfway</i>
Sponsored by 32 Ten Studios |

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OTHER continued

Contra Costa Master Gardeners 2013 class. In order to apply to the training program attendance at one of the following free orientation sessions is required: Monday, June 25 from 1 to 3pm, 151 Linus Pauling Drive, Hercules; Wednesday, June 27 from 10am to noon at 75 Santa Barbara Road, 2nd Floor, Pleasant Hill; Tuesday, July 17 from 1 to 3pm at 75 Santa Barbara Rd, 2nd Floor, Pleasant Hill; Thursday, July 19 from 10am to noon at 151 Linus Pauling Drive, Hercules. To register for Orientation visit the Contra Costa Master Gardener website at ccmg.ucdavis.edu and click "join us."

Lazarex Cancer Foundation presents Info Meeting for Hike for Life, A Grand Canyon Adventure. This four-day journey culminates in a one-day guided hike of the Grand Canyon along the trail you choose (in the canyon or along the rim). The Grand Canyon hiking adventure is a fundraiser that helps cancer patients. The info meeting is at 9:30am Saturday, June 2 and at 7pm Tuesday, June 19 at Sports Basement, 1881 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek. Free. For more info, call (925)323-2993 or visit www.conquerthecanyon.com/LAZAREX_index.htm.

Find Your Perfect Match at Maddie's® Matchmaker Adoptathon. Visit ARF on June 9 and 10 when puppies, kittens, dogs and cats all go home with no adoption fees, and ARF receives a grant of at least \$500 from Maddie's Fund® for each qualifying adoption - helping us rescue even more! Limit of two adoptions per household; standard adoption criteria apply. Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation, 2890 Mitchell Drive, Walnut Creek. (925) 256-1273

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5k Walk Saturday, June 16 (registration begins at 8am; walk begins at 9am), Heather Farm Park, Walnut Creek. How Far is 5K? (About three miles.) For more info, or to register, visit makingstrides.acsevents.org/walnutcreek.

Theater View Veterinary Clinic is having an open house June 16, 3 to 5pm, 1 Bates Blvd., Orinda. Receive free heartworm tests (for the first 90 visitors), free nail trims for dogs and cats, and treats for pets and their people.

eWaste & Documents for Shredding Fundraiser for Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa County. This is an event for recycling and shredding from 9am to 10pm June 16 at the Lafayette Christian Church, 584 Glenside Drive, Lafayette. Cost: \$5 fee for certain items and \$8 for shredding per Bankers Box. For more info, visit www.ctrecycling.net or call (510) 352-2665.

Motorama World of Wheels. Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary is presenting Lafayette's premiere auto show. See classic cars, bikes, and motorcycles Sunday, June 17 from 9am to 4pm at the Clock Tower and Bank of the West parking lots on Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. There will be food, beverages, raffles, car swag, live entertainment, and more. For more info, visit www.motorama.us. Free.

Girls Night Out Networking presents It's your Health, Your Choice! Learn why so many women experience hormone problems, sleep disturbances, fibromyalgia and weight gain. Dr. Leslie Hewitt will be educating you to make an informed choice during the seminar from 5:30 to 6:30pm June 18 at the Anatomy Power Wellness Studio, 3470 Camino Tassajara, Danville. Free for GNON members, \$10 for non-members. For more info, visit www.gnontrivalley.com.

Why Meditation? Meditation has long been known to promote improved health and well-being, increased self-awareness, growth, and a deeper spiritual connection. The seminar is presented by Mary Bruns June 19 from 11am to noon in the Sequoia Room at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road. Cost: \$1 for members and \$3 for non-members. For more info, call (925) 284-5050.

Understanding Public Employee Pensions – a presentation by Dan Borenstein about the problems of public-employee pension funding at 7pm Thursday, June 21 at the Orinda Library Auditorium, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda. Borenstein will explain the inner-workings of these retirement plans, delving into how they are financed and why they are leaving billions of dollars of debt for our children to pay. Free.

Celebrate the Summer Solstice with a walk on a sacred labyrinth in the early evening hour. Music will be playing as participants walk the Chartres-style labyrinth. The Chapel will be open for prayers and there will be ongoing readings. Join us for a quiet evening walk on June 22 in preparation of summer at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette, (925)283-8722.

Loaves and Fishes first Annual Event "Food for Thought" summer garden party Sunday, June 24 from 2-5pm, Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga. Food prepared and served by renowned East Bay chefs as well as live and silent auctions. All proceeds from this event will benefit Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa County, a local agency that has been providing hot nutritious meals for those in need since 1983. Cost: \$50 per person. To purchase tickets, visit www.loavesfishescc.org and click on Register-Food for Thought or call (925) 687-6760.

The annual Lamorinda Fourth of July parade will take place in Orinda at 10am Wednesday, July 4. In keeping with this year's theme of Saluting All Veterans, veterans from all conflicts, from World War II through the Iraq/Afghanistan conflict, are invited to march or ride in the parade. Title sponsor Orinda Motors is providing a large number of convertibles for veterans but more are needed. For more information, veterans are asked to contact Terry Murphy of the local VFW post at (925)285-1510 or terry.murphy2@comcast.net. For general information about the parade and celebration, please contact the Orinda Association at (925)254-0800 or oa@orindaassociation.org.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

The League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley will hold its Annual Meeting at the Lafayette Public Library Community Room on Saturday, June 16. Their business meeting starts at 8:45am. At 10:45am, Lisa Vorderbrueggen, reporter and political columnist for the Contra Costa Times will speak on "The State of the County, the State, the Nation, and the Press." Cost: \$5. Contact the League at (925)283-2235 for more information.

Upcoming Special Events at:



THE QUEEN'S SLUMBER PARTY PRESENTS:

PSYCHO BEACH PARTY

Friday, June 15, 9:00 PM
Rheem Theatre

Trivia, Games and Party Favors!



YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

Thursday, June 14, 7:00 PM
Orinda Theatre

A Mel Brooks Film



Bunjo's Comedy All Star Show @ the New Rheem

Come see some of the best stand up comedians from the Bay Area and Beyond!

Saturday June 23 8:00 pm
(doors open at 7:00 pm)

Headliner- Michael Slack
NBC's "At The Pump"
Featured for Bob Saget, Brian Regan, Jeff Dunham



Beer and Wine Bar!!

Tickets- \$15 advance or \$20 on the day of event.

For a limited time only, all regular movie tickets are \$7 on Tuesdays.

Check www.lamorindatheatres.com for all movie listings

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