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Award-Winning Film, 'Losing Her,' Kicks Off The Bay Area Film Series at the Rheem Theatre

By Derek Zemrak



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The Rheem Theatre is starting a new monthly film program beginning this Friday, Nov. 6, entitled The Bay Area Film Series. This unique series will showcase Bay Area filmmakers' projects and provide local filmmakers with a venue to screen their films before an audience. The first film will be "Losing Her," the Best Feature winner at the Noor Film Festival in Los Angeles and the Golden Ace Award winner at the Las Vegas International Film Festival. "Losing Her" will show at 2, 4, and 7 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Director Dave Moutray will be at the 2 p.m. showing on Saturday, Nov. 7. Come meet Moutray and learn more about what it takes to write, produce and direct an independent film.

Moutray, an award-winning director and

screenwriter has an M.A. in English and an M.F.A. in screenwriting. Originally from the Midwest, he fulfilled his love for film in the Bay Area. He is a co-founder of Crux Jinx Productions, LLC in San Francisco, and the founder of the Bay Area Film Mixer, which allows filmmakers from around the Bay to network and create a tighter community of like-minded film professionals.

As a filmmaker, his focus is on character and story driven narratives, regardless of genre. "Losing Her" is the story of a man distraught over the loss of his fiancée. He joins a grief therapy group, and interacts with a group of strangers who are also sharing the loss of a loved one. He finds comfort in their stories of grief, but his own story holds a devastating secret.

More Upcoming Events at the Rheem Theatre

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. for the return of live music at the Rheem. Patti Leidecker, a talented composer, singer and piano player has been in the music business for almost 50 years. She will be singing and playing everyone's favorite holiday songs on the baby grand piano once owned by Hollywood comedic genius, Dom DeLuise. She composes original material and performs standards and show tunes. Leidecker has performed at Clint Eastwood's Mission Ranch Inn



Patti Leidecker Photo provided

in Carmel on Wednesday nights for the past eight years. Come sing along with Leidecker and get into the holiday spirit. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for seniors / children and include holiday cookies and punch. This will be a great event for the youngest and the young at heart.

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Join Joy in Motion on World Kindness Day for the Dance for Kindness at 11 a.m. on Nov. 8 at Elam and Margaret Brown Plaza across the Street from Safeway at the corner of Moraga Road and Mt. Diablo Boulevard in Lafayette. Groups from across the globe join together to perform a Kindness Freezemob/Flashmob to the same song, same dance, all happening on the same day. Everyone can participate. For info, visit www.joyinmotiondance.org.

The Stroke Support Group of Contra Costa County will hold its November meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9 in the Sterns Conference Room at John Muir Medical Center - Walnut Creek Campus (1601 Ygnacio Valley Road). The speaker will be Rev. Suzanne Tindall, who will discuss "Grief Following Illness and Loss." For further information about the Stroke Support Group, contact Ann Dzuna at (925) 376-6218. Free.

The Moraga Movers will hold its regularly scheduled dinner meeting at the St. Mary's Soda Center at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, preceded by social hour at 5 p.m. An "activities evening" is planned with staffed tables to encourage interest in bridge, book club, board games and an informal bocce ball court set up. For info, or to make reservation before midnight on Nov. 4, call (925) 376-6622.

Veterans Day Ceremony from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11 at Moraga Commons Park to honor all who served in times of war and in times of peace. Speakers and refreshments sponsored by the Town of Moraga and Moraga Boy Scout Troops 212, 234, 246 and 249.

Saint Mary's College Guild's Harvest Luncheon, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 at the SMC Soda Center. A traditional Thanksgiving luncheon will be served. Cost: \$35 per person. All donations will benefit the Saint Mary's Scholarship fund. Mail checks to: SMC Guild, 828 Crossbrook St., Moraga, CA 94556. Questions? Call Dolores at (925) 376-4339.

Lafayette Nursery School Open House from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14. Come see what Lafayette Nursery School is all about. This school admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin. For info, visit www.lafayettenurseryschool.org.

"Walk For A Cure" Oakmont Memorial Park Cancer Walk from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 at the Oakmont Memorial Park and Mortuary, Lafayette. \$20. Register at www.OakmontCancerWalk.com.

Shine A Light on Lung Cancer from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 at the Walnut Creek Library Oak Room, 1644 N. Broadway. Join an engaging panel of medical experts as they cover the most current information regarding screening recommendations, genomic profiling, immunotherapy, targeted therapy, radiation therapy and surgical techniques. Also included will be an inspiring lung cancer survivor's story. Q & A session will follow presentation. Free. Reservation recommended; call (925) 677-5041.

Orinda Holiday Bazar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 21 at the Orinda Community Center. There are over 20 new exhibitors this year featuring succulents, handmade cards, lotions, women's clothing, handmade bags, knitwear, decorative trays, candles and paper mache items.

Holiday Boutique supporting New Day for Children from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane in Lafayette. Start your holiday shopping while supporting a local faith-based Safe House for young girls who have been rescued from human trafficking. For info, visit www.newdayforchildren.com.

18th Cycle Recycle, held by Bobbie and Tom Preston, will be held throughout November. New and/or used bikes and trikes in working order or repairable, or useable bike parts may be delivered to the side driveway of the Preston's home at 1307 Larch Avenue in Moraga. No skateboards or plastic bikes please; no need to call beforehand, but for more information contact Bobbie at (925) 376-8474.

SENIORS

Drop-In Mah Jongg - Calling all Mah Jongg players! Bring your card and mah jongg set every Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Lafayette Community Center Cedar Room. This group is for all levels. No need to RSVP - just show up and pay at the door. Free for Senior Services members; \$10 non-members.

Dementia Roadmap: From Diagnosis to Family Care at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11 at the Eldercare Walnut Creek office at 1808 Tice Val-

ley Blvd., Walnut Creek. Join Linda Fodrini-Johnson as she discusses what you need to know, what you need to plan, and what you and your family can do when faced with the challenges of dementia. No fee and limited seating. Advance registration required. To register for an event call (866) 760-1808 or email info@eldercareanswers.com.

GARDEN

The Walnut Creek Garden Club will meet from 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday, Nov. 9 at the Gardens at Heather Farm located at 1540 Marchbanks Road in Walnut Creek. The topic of the program is Special Flowers and Arrangements for the Holiday Season. Anna Cambell grows unusual flowers on her own farm and will share her "live art" with a hands-on demonstration of unique and simple arrangements. You do not need to be a gardener to join the WCGC. For more info, email mslittle44@gmail.com.

Lafayette Garden Club, November meeting and program will feature Najat Nicola, owner of "Floral Design By Najat" and longtime exhibitor for the annual Bouquets to Art, who will demonstrate her renowned floral designing talent in a program entitled "Holiday Arrangements" from 9:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Nov. 12 at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Guests welcome! For info, email cpoetzsch@gmail.com.

The Moraga Garden Club will hold its general meeting at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 at the Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Guest speaker will be Rebecca Sweet, who will give a presentation entitled "Refresh Your Garden." Interested parties are welcome for the 9:30 a.m. social time and marketplace table, followed by the meeting at 10 a.m.

Montelindo Garden Club Meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 20 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda. Visitors welcome. Topic: Bee Friendly Gardening. The speaker will be K. Ruby Blume, gardener, beekeeper and founder of The Institute of Urban Homesteading, who will be discussing the important roles of bees in our garden.

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LAMORINDA SUNRISE Rotary Friends, Fun, Service Above Self

We meet Friday mornings at 7:00 am at **The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa**, 3666 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. For more info, please email us at lamorindasunrise@gmail.com

November 6: Speaker: Mike Vigo - The Bee Ranch	November 13: Speakers: Jan Cushman/Gail Chesler - Trek Trek - Empowering Young Women
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Look for an upcoming Cold Weather Coat and Clothing Drive partnering with the Monument Crisis Center. There will be donation drop-off bins, located in each Lamorinda city, in late November or early December.

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