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MOVIE REVIEW

Film Clips

'Mother's Day' is a Heartwarming Gift This Year

By Derek Zemrak



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Mother's Day is this Sunday and first of all – happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in the world. Garry Marshall's latest movie, "Mother's Day," opened last week. He has directed several memorable films such as "Pretty Woman" and "The Princess Dairies."

As in his previous films, Marshall has put together a star-studded cast that includes Jennifer Aniston, Kate Hudson, Jason Sudeikis and Oscar-winner Julia Roberts. The movie follows five individuals and their dealings with motherhood or their own mothers. Sandy (Aniston) is a single mom of two boys dealing with ex husband's recent marriage to a much younger woman. Jesse (Hudson) has not spoken to her mother for years because mom disapproved of Jesse's dating an Indian man, but

now Jesse's mom decides to visit. Jesse's sister also is keeping a big secret from their parents. Bradley, a recent widower, is dealing with raising two young daughters and is trying to figure out how to have a Mother's Day. Miranda (Roberts) is a highly successful businesswoman who has no time to be a mother. As the story unfolds they all must face their dilemmas on Mother's Day.

"Mother's Day" has some funny and heartwarming moments that will be enjoyed by any parent.

"Mother's Day" is rated PG-13 with a TRT (Total Running Time) of 1 hour and 56 minutes.

Upcoming Rheem and Orinda Theatre Events:

7 p.m. May 12: FREE Movie Night at Orinda Theatre — "The Wizard of Oz"

May 13 – May 20: International Showcase presents "Sweet Bean" for a week-long engagement at the Orinda Theatre.

2 p.m. May 18: Moraga Movers' Classic Movie at the Rheem Theatre – "Road to Zanzibar"

Noon to 10 p.m. May 14: CreaturesCon at the Rheem Theatre – 10 solid hours of Creature Features, including two complete Creature Features Shows; the 50th Anniversary of "Star Trek"; rare clips, discussion panels; question-and answer sessions; and dealer and artist tables. \$25 all-day pass. Hosted by Lord Blood-Rah, John Stanley and Tom Wyrsh.

7 p.m. May 21: Live Music at the Rheem - USO Canteen - A Memorial Day Tribute to the songs and memories of war ballads, patriotic songs and good old American patriotism with Adam Reeves and Patti Liedecker.

◆ Not to be missed ◆ Not to be missed ◆

FAIRES & FESTS ...continued

Don't Miss the Hacienda de las Flores Centennial de Mayo celebration from noon to 5 p.m. on May 15, 2100 Donald Drive. Step back in time, enjoy the beautiful grounds and learn about the Hacienda's rich history. Fun for all ages. Free admission, authentic Mexican food and drinks, live Mariachi Band, hourly piñata contests, tortilla making, Mexican tile painting, cupcake walks and more. Limited onsite parking; shuttle available from Rheem Elementary, 90 Laird Drive.

OTHER

Be the Force — the Force for Good. Come help support the JBFC Schools in Tanzania at the third annual Peace, Love & Pancakes dinner and a movie featuring "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" with pancakes at 5:30 p.m. and the movie at 6:30 p.m. on May 13 at JMIS. For more information about the JBFC Schools that are supported, or to order tickets to the event on-line, please visit peaceloveandpancakes.squarespace.com.

Friends Corner Book Shop Half-Price Sale is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 7, Corner of First and Golden Gate Way, Lafayette.

Join National Park Service rangers for a stargazing adventure, "Road Map to the Night Sky," at 8:45 p.m. on Saturday, May 7 at the John Muir National Historic Site in Martinez. The program is designed to increase knowledge of the night sky by progressing through a series of constellations. Reservations are not required. Visitors should meet at John Muir NHS. Please call the John Muir NHS Visitor Center at (925) 228-8860 if you have questions.

Bike to Work Day is May 12. There will be there will be five energizer stations in Lamorinda where cyclists can stop by for refreshments and promotional items: three in Lafayette, and one each in Orinda and Moraga.

Lafayette Juniors 17th Annual Kitchen Tour is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 14. Tour six Lafayette kitchens for a good cause benefiting Youth Homes, Diablo Ballet's PEEK Outreach Program, the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano and Lamorinda Spirit Van. Tickets are \$40 and available at www.lafayettejuniors.org and Lafayette's Premier Kitchens. (See story on page D1)

Hidden Legacy: Japanese Traditional Performing Arts in the World War II Internment Camps will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 14 at the Moraga Library. Join Shirley Kazuyo Muramoto-Wong, Creative Director, for a free screening of this documentary. The production of this film was sponsored, in part, by the National Park Service, Japanese American Confinement Sites grant. The screening will be followed by a koto demonstration and discussion. Sponsored by BDK America. An NPS Centennial Celebration event.

Mark your calendars for A Taste of Lafayette, the city's 14th Annual Restaurant Walk on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. This is an opportunity to tour Lafayette's finest dining establishments and sample the signature cuisine of each restaurant. Cost is \$45 per person if purchased by May 6, 2016; \$50 per person after that date. Visit www.lafayettechamber.org/events/taste-of-lafayette/ for more information.

Beginning Tuesday, May 17, Rabbi Dovber Berkowitz of Chabad of Contra Costa will conduct the six sessions of the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) course, Strength and Struggle: Lessons in Character from the Stories of Our Prophets, at the Contra Costa Jewish Day School 955 Risa Rd. in Lafayette. The course will also be offered 10 am at Chabad of Contra Costa 1671 Newell Ave. in Walnut Creek.

Lamorinda Rugby Football Club is recruiting for their new Women's High School Team. There will be a player orientation at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17 at Wilder Ranch House.

Text RUGBY to 925-788-0039 or email LamoLadies@gmail.com.

Shred your papers at 5A Rent-A-Space, 455 Moraga Rd. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 21. \$7 per file box.

GARDEN

The Gardens at Heather Farm is celebrating "National Public Gardens Day" between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Friday, May 6. There will be free activities throughout the day in its six-acre public garden and wildlife habitat nestled on a picturesque hillside in Walnut Creek. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the day. For more information, visit www.gardenshlf.org.

Growing Tomatoes. Learn about growing this favorite garden delight from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 7 at the Lafayette Community Garden and Outdoor Learning Center, 3932 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Classes are free but a \$5 donation is requested.

To register for classes or for more information visit www.lafayettecommunitygarden.com.

Annual Compost Giveaway, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 7. RecycleSmart has partnered with the UC Master Gardeners of Contra Costa to provide residents free compost. Bring your own rigid container and take up to 96 gallons of compost while supplies last. There will also be presentations, booths, raffles and more. Register online and see schedule too at <http://getsmartsaturday-compostsmart.eventbrite.com>.

The Walnut Creek Garden Club presents "Jam it Up!" Barbara Kobsar, author of two cookbooks and a food and garden writer for several local papers will be speaking about food and making jams. She will bring some of her jams and jellies to taste and purchase. Business Meeting: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Social Time: 10:30 to 11 a.m.; Program: 11 a.m. to noon on May 9 at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Road, Walnut Creek. Questions: mslittle44@gmail.com.

Service Clubs Announcements



Explore Lamorinda Rotary clubs The heart of Rotary is our clubs- dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship. Learn about Lamorinda's Rotary clubs.

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

<p>May 6 Amanda Herbert: Female Alliances: Investigating the history of women's friendship.</p>	<p>May 13 Jim Marggraff: Co-founder, Eyefluence: Eye interaction technology</p>
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Successful Wine Barrel Raffle concluded: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner drawings reveals third place won by a Rotarian from Florida. Thanks to all who participated!

Lafayette Rotary Club

Step in on a Thursday and join us for our lunch meeting. Thursday at noon Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

<p>May 5: Thomas Stack, Your Best Thinking Got you Here</p>	<p>May 12: Brenda from Papillion and the writer of her story - Jill Plummer</p>
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Save the date: Concert at the Res May 14th
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