

MOVIE REVIEW

Film Clips

'Lion' roars at the Orinda Theatre

By Derek Zemrak



Dev Patel deserves his Academy Award nomination for "Lion." Photo provided

"Lion" may be the most overlooked movie of 2016. It recently received six Oscar Nominations, including Best Picture but not many people have seen this amazing film. "Lion" is a long-shot at winning the Oscar for Best Picture but I would say it is the front-runner to win Best Cinematography. The opening scenes draw you into this true story and set the emotional roller coaster ride.

A 5-year-old boy, Saroo gets lost on a train in India and then travels miles across India away from his family. The young child lives alone and survives on the streets of Kolkata. Saroo is fortunate to be adopted by an Australian couple and they provide him a loving home. Twenty-five years later, through the use of Google Earth, Saroo uses the few memories he possesses to search for his lost family. Can contemporary technology and countless determination allow him to achieve his goal and reunite with his birth family?

Dev Patel (Saroo) and Nicole Kidman (Sue Brierley, his adopted mother) both deserve their Best Supporting Actor nominations. You will recognize Patel from the 2008 Oscar-winning

film, "Slumdog Millionaire," which won eight Oscars in 2008. Patel's performance is as solid as Kidman's but in this year's Best Supporting Actor and Actress categories they have some tough competition with Viola Davis ("Fences") and Mahershala Ali ("Moonlight"), who are the front-runners.

Don't miss "Lion" on the big screen at the Orinda Theatre. The cinematography is spectacular and is only beautifully enhanced by the movie theater experience. The film has a TRT (Total Running Time) of 1 hour and 58 minutes and is rated PG-13, for thematic material and some sensuality.

Other Oscar nominated films currently at the Lamorinda Theatres are "LA LA Land" (14 nominations) and "Moonlight" (eight nominations) at the Orinda Theatre and "Hidden Figures" (three nominations), Jackie (three nominations) and "Manchester By The Sea" (six nominations) at the Rheem. So there are many opportunities to enjoy the numerous films hoping for Oscar gold on Sunday, February 26, right in our great Lamorinda community.

Service Clubs Announcements

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

February 10	February 17
Dan Borenstein, Political Columnist, East Bay Times	Super Bowl Commercials with Ad Exec Ted Klauber

Forget Valentine's Day at your own peril!

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

February 9: 4 Way Speech Contest	February 15: Annual Feb 5 Meeting Roosmoor at 11:30am
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No Meeting on February 16th!

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Not to be missed

SENIORS

Discovering Opera: Kevin Puts' "Silent Night" is presented by Bradford Wade from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Feb. 9 at the Lafayette Library, Arts & Science Room. Lecturer Bradford Wade will give a guided tour of "Silent Night," with a description of the plot interspersed with musical examples. This lecture is given in conjunction with Opera San José's production of "Silent Night," Feb. 11-26. Members Free, Non-Members \$10

Come to the Lafayette Library at 1 p.m. every Friday for a variety of activities, games, film screenings, and presentations. Meet someone new or catch up with an old friend over a cup of tea. Check with library staff or the online calendar (www.tinyurl.com/lafcalendar) for this week's activity and meeting room. For more info, contact Chris Gray at (925) 385-2288 / cgray@ccclib.org.

The Stroke Support Group of Contra Costa County will hold its February meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13 in the Concord I Room at John Muir Medical Center - Concord Campus, 2540 East Street, Concord. The speakers will be: Janet Patterson, Ph.D., CCC-SLP Chief, Audiology & Speech-Language Service at the Veteran's Administration, Martinez along with Kevin Dalziel, Research Associate. They will be discussing "Aphasic Comprehension: Conflict Resolution and Short Term Memory." For further information about the Stroke Support Group, contact Ann Dzuna at (925) 376-6218. Meetings are free and open to the public.

Words of Wisdom Discussion Group Led by Craig Janke from 10:30 to noon on the third Tuesday monthly in the Elderberry Room, Lafayette Community Center. Share your opinions with us in a freewheeling exchange of ideas: from current events to philosophy to the inspirational.

There may be agreement or there may be different opinions -- it's all in the spirit of learning, sharing, enrichment and good humor. Fee per meeting: Members: Free, Non-members: \$10

Cooking for One or Two: Breakfast & Brunch with Jaime Rios, Byron Park Executive Chef from 2 to 4 p.m. on March 29 at Byron Park, 1700 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. As we all know, breakfast is the most important meal of the day. In this demonstration-style class, Chef Jaime will help you find new inspiration with recipes that will transform your breakfast and brunch routine. Space is limited; these classes fill up quickly. RSVP to Lafayette Senior Services by Wednesday, March 22: Seniors@LoveLafayette.org or 284-5050.

GARDEN

Lafayette Garden Club General Meeting is from 9:45 a.m. to noon on Feb. 9 at the Lafayette Veteran's Building located at 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. The speaker will be Bruce Rodgers, the "orchid whisperer" who will speak about the many charms of orchids and how to grow them. Bruce has been growing, hybridizing, and decorating with orchids for over 30 years and offers a wide range of orchid growing and decorating services. His books will be available. Visitors are welcome! Please email Carolyn Poetzsch cpoetzsch@gmail.com

The Walnut Creek Garden Club monthly meetings are held at the Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Dr., Walnut Creek. The Feb.13 program is "Designing Beautiful, Edible Gardens" with Mike Irvine, lead gardener and project director of Homestead Design Collection, who designed Test Gardens for Sunset Magazine. 10:30-11 a.m. social, program 11 a.m. to noon. All are invited to attend and consider becoming a member.

The Moraga Garden Club's monthly meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb.16 at the Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Guest speaker will be Laurie Callaway, of Laurie Callaway Garden Design. Her topic will be, "Secrets of a Four Season Garden." Interested parties are welcome to attend the 9:30 a.m. social hour, the 10 a.m. meeting, as well as the presentation by Laurie Callaway, immediately following the meeting.

The Montelindo Garden Club meets at 9 a.m. Friday Feb. 17 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, in Orinda. Everyone is welcome. Presentation: Plant Hunting at the "Edge of the World" with William McNamara, Executive Director of Quarryhill Botanical Garden of Glen Ellen, California, and plant hunter extraordinaire, who has been instrumental in building this botanical garden, which "Advances the Conservation, Study and Cultivation of the Flora of Asia."

Come to the Kokedama String Garden Workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 25 at Orchard Nursery in Lafayette. String gardens are the latest trend for displaying houseplants. Also called Kokedama, string gardens wrap a plant's root system in moss and string, creating a piece of living art. In this hands-on, make-and-take class, you'll learn wrapping techniques, as well as how to care for your string garden. Cost: \$40 class fee includes all supplies needed. Reservations: Call (925) 284-4474 and make your reservation today.

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