

MOVIE REVIEW

Film Clips

The past returns to haunt in 'The Sense of an Ending'

By Derek Zemrak



Jim Broadbent in "The Sense of an Ending," a film based on the Booker Award-winning novel of the same name by Julian Barnes and to be released by CBS Films and Lionsgate. Photo provided

Looking for something other than a beast at the movies? Check out "The Sense of an Ending" now playing at the Orinda Theatre. The movie is far different from Disney's mega blockbuster, live-action "Beauty and the Beast."

"The Sense of an Ending," from CBS Films, has a true independent film feel and storyline. In fact, director, Ritesh Batra ("The Lunchbox") recently won the "Directors to Watch" Award at the January Palm Springs International Film Festival.

This film deals with a past that returns to haunt the present. This time, Tom Webster, portrayed by the exceptional actor Jim Broadbent ("Gangs of New York," "Moulin Rouge!") lives a quiet life working at a vintage camera store until one day when he receives a knock at the door. The past has returned to face Tom but is he ready to relive his college years with a tragedy he has suppressed since the 1960s? You may also remember Broadbent for the 2013 Opening Night Film, "Le Weekend" at the California Independent Film Festival.

Director Batra does an excellent job taking the audience from present day to the 1960s. The story, which was adapted from the 2011 Booker Award-winning novel by Julian Barnes, is compelling and first time feature film screenwriter Nick Payne delivers a solid script in a complex

story. One line in the movie is "I'm a great believer in time's revenge." This is all that needs to be said.

"The Sense of an Ending" is one of those movies that one should not reveal too much about and let the moviegoer enjoy the experience. It has a PG-13 rating due to adult subject matter, violence, some strong language and sexuality. The TRT (total running time) is one hour and 48 minutes.

Upcoming events at Lamorinda Theatres

1:30 p.m. April 1 — Sci-fi Day #5: See the following classic Sci-fi flicks on the big screen starting with "Tobor the Great" at 1:30 p.m. "The Invisible Boy" follows at 4 p.m. The cult classic "Robot Monster" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Co-star Pamela Paulson will make her first public appearance in a Q & A hosted by Derek Zemrak.

Admission \$10; All day Pass \$20
8 p.m. April 13 — Live Comedy at the Orinda Theatre featuring John DiResta: John DiResta is a former New York Transit police officer turned comedian and actor. He is known for his film work in the "Miss Congeniality" films (2000, 2005), "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" (2003) and "15 Minutes" (2001).
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March 24	March 31
<p>John Coleman, President CA Water Agencies, New Water Issues</p>	<p>Dr. Jackie Steel tells all!</p>

*This is it. The roof is on!
The trailer will love it. Out in the sun.*

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>March 23: Mark Rosen Adventure Club of Rotary</p>	<p>March 30: Carolyn Burnsed her experiences at Sports Center, NBC and KGO</p>
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www.rotarylafayette.org
www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Lafayette-Ca-197392963631366

SOROPTIMIST OF 24/680

"Improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment"

Please join us for our next meeting:

WHEN: Wednesday, April 5th
Social 5:30-6:00 p.m.
Meeting 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Buttercup Grill
660 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek.

For more information, contact:
Regina Englehart @925-876-9076
or go to: soroptimist24-680.org

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Jewish Gateways presents Jewish Gateways Passover Celebration for Families with Young Children from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Sunday, April 9 at Easton Hall, 2401 Ridge Road, Berkeley. Celebrate this freedom holiday with Passover songs, stories, a hands-on project and treats. Led by Rabbi Bridget and Isaac Zones. Cost: \$30 per family, plus \$5 per sibling over 5. For more info see <https://www.jewishgateways.org/families> or call (510) 410-0622 or email rabbi-bridget@jewishgateways.org.

Come celebrate diversity and promote unity at Soul Food Lamorinda from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 9 at the Intercultural Center at St Mary's College. Soul Food Lamorinda is a free Baha'i-inspired program that combines an audio-visual presentation with readings from various faiths, philosophers and leaders, allowing us to reflect on inspiring themes and reminding us of the oneness of humanity. This month's program, "Sense of Time" will explore the precious nature of time — how quickly it passes and how profound it can be when we make the most of it. Free and open to everyone. For more info: www.meetup.com/Soul-Food-Lamorinda/.

Passover Seders at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 10 and 11 at 1671 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Featuring: delicious traditional Seder dinner, insights, singing, four cups of wine, and Hand Baked Shmurah Matzah. Second Seder on Tuesday evening conducted in Russian. Adult: \$45, Child: \$30. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Reservations required. www.jewish-contracosta.com (925) 937-4101.

Lamorinda Arts Council (LAC) will host their 2nd Annual Short-Docs Film Fest at 3 p.m. on May 7 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. This documentary film festival provides local filmmakers an opportunity to create new work as well as showcase it at a community screening. Entries for the Lamorinda

ShortDocs Film Fest will be accepted until April 19. The competition is open to anyone 5 years of age or older who is living, working or attending school in Orinda, Lafayette or Moraga. Film submissions will be judged in one of four categories: elementary school, middle school, high school and adult. To learn more about the Lamorinda ShortDocs Film Fest competition and to enter go to <http://www.lamorindaarts.org/shortdocs>.

Moraga Classic Car Show registration is now open to residents who own classic cars and would like to participate in the ninth annual Moraga Classic Car Show, which takes place from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Saturday May 13, as part of the 2017 Moraga Community Faire. The \$35 registration fee includes an entry ribbon, lunch for two and a commemorative photo. Prizes will be awarded. The registration deadline is May 1, but space is limited to 70 cars, so register early to secure a spot. Register at www.moragachamber.org/faire or, call Gloria at (925) 247-4473.

SENIORS

Introduction to Tai Chi for Better Balance at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 23 in the Orinda Library Garden Room. Orinda Library welcomes Cynthia Black, who will show how to improve your balance through Tai Chi. Trained in Tai Chi for Better Balance, Cynthia is certified in Chair Chi, a form of Tai Chi practiced from a chair. This program is provided by Meals on Wheels and Senior Outreach Services of Contra Costa County.

Learn 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 attendees find new inspiration with recipes that will transform breakfast and brunch routines. Space is limited; these classes fill up quickly. RSVP to La-

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fayette Senior Services by Wednesday, March 22. For info, Seniors@LoveLafayette.org or 284-5050.

Anne Randolph Physical Therapy presents the Art of Balance from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on March 22 in the Cedar Room, Lafayette Community Center. People worried about falling or are at risk of falling should know about simple ways to improve balance. Learn how to gain increased balance and avoid the risk of falling. Fee per class members: No charge/ Non-Members: \$10

Katie O'Donnell with Eldercare Services presents "The Elephant in the Room" from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on April 5 at 28 Orinda Way. A guide to sensitive conversations that must take place to promote independence and quality of life as we age. She will tackle tough topics including keeping or selling the family home, future health considerations and when it's time to stop driving. No fee. Advanced registration is required. Call (925) 937-2018 or email Info@EldercareAnswers.com

GARDEN

The Lafayette Community Garden and Outdoor Learning Center presents its Historical Houses presentation and tour from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 25. Learn of our local valley's history through the chronicles of three old houses from the 1800's: the Old Yellow House in Orinda, Rodgers Ranch in Pleasant Hill, and the John Muir House in Martinez. To register, go to LafayetteCommunityGarden.org/classes-and-events. \$5 donation appreciated.

Author Claire Splan will share tips and tricks you can use to make the most of your hours and still leave time for actually enjoying gardening at the Lafayette Garden Club's next general meeting from 9:45 a.m. to 12 noon on April 6 at the Lafayette Veteran's Building located at 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Claire will show you how to use task-batching, time savers, and a month-by-month approach for more efficient garden-

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ing as outlined in her book "Time Management in the Garden." Visitors are welcome! Please email Carolyn Poetzsch cpoetzsch@gmail.com.

The Walnut Creek Garden Club's monthly business is at 10 a.m., social time at 10:30 a.m. and program at 11 a.m. at the Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. The April 10 program is "Meander Through Springtime Blooms in the Ireland and England" by member and photographer Christa Buckingham. You're invited to attend and consider becoming a mem-

ber. Maureen Little: mslittle44@gmail.com (925) 820-1476

Moraga Gardens Farm presents its annual sale of heirloom tomatoes, hybrids, peppers, eggplant, herbs and more in 4-inch pots selected for success in the micro-climates of Lamorinda's home gardens. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays from March 25 to April 15 (closed Easter Sunday). 1290 Moraga Way, Moraga (next to Moraga Fire Station). For information call Claire Curtin 925 299 1353.

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