

Entertainment Calendar

The Arts and Entertainment calendar runs weekly as space permits in both the Clear Lake Observer American and the Lake County Record-Bee and also appears in its entirety online at www.record-bee.com/entertainment. Please e-mail event listings to Arts Editor Cynthia Parkhill, RBinFocus@gmail.com (no attachments, please). All telephone numbers are within the (707) area code unless otherwise noted.

May 6:

Writer's group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Main Street Gallery, 325 N. Main St. in Lakeport. Give constructive feedback or just listen and enjoy. This event is supported by Poets & Writers, Inc. through a grant it has received from The James Irvine Foundation.

May 7:

• First Friday Fling, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Lake County Arts Council's Main Street Gallery, 325 N. Main St. in Lakeport. Meet the artists who are exhibiting in the gallery. For information, call 263-6658.

• Terrace School's eighth-grade class is hosting an "American Idol"-themed talent show, 7 p.m. in the Marge Alakszay Center (the MAC). Reserved seats for \$7.50 are available for pre-sale in the Terrace Middle School office. General admission tickets for \$5 apiece are available at the school office and Linda's Hallmark and will also be available at the door on the night of the performance. For more information, contact Jill Ruzicka Leighton at jill.ruzicka@att.net or call (818) 395-3050.

May 9:

• Lake County Symphony presents its Mother's Day concert, 3 p.m. at the Marge Alakszay Center on the Clear Lake High School campus. Admission is \$15 for members of Clear Lake Performing Arts and \$20 for the general public. CLPA memberships may also be purchased at the door. Free admission to children younger than 18.

• Second Sunday Cinema will screen a special double feature on the financial crisis: "The Warning" and "Capitalism: A Love Story," at the Clearlake United Methodist Church, 14521 Pearl Ave. Screening of "The Warning" will begin at 5 p.m., one hour earlier than usual. "Capitalism: A Love Story" will begin at 6:15 p.m., following a 15-minute break. Attendees are welcome to stay for both films or to view the first or second film only. There is no charge to attend. Information: 279-2957.

• Writer's Wordshop, 6 p.m. Sundays at Harbin Hot Springs near Middletown, facilitated by Lake County Poet Laureate Russell Reza-Khaliq Gonzaga. Although the event is free, Harbin gate entrance and membership fees apply. Information: www.harbin.org.

May 10:

• There is a May 10 deadline for area high school students to submit logos for the Old

Time Bluegrass Festival. Organizers are looking for a "Heron theme" with old-time bluegrass instruments. Entries must be received no later than Monday by Gene Vance, Lower Lake High School Art Department, PO Box 799, Lower Lake, CA 95457. Complete information is available from local high school art teachers or from the Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association, 995-2658, bluegrass@andersonmarsh.org.

• Clear Lake Performing Arts Auxiliary meets at Galilee Lutheran Hall on Soda Bay Road. For more information, call Sandy at 277-2038, Kathy at 279-8149 or Kim at 277-9716.

• Christian recording artist Natalie Grant appears with Phil Stacey of American Idol and Britt Nicole, 7 p.m. at the Soper-Reese Community Theatre. For information and to purchase tickets online, visit www.soper-reesetheatre.com/calendar/calendar-details.asp?ID=64. Tickets are also available at Wild About Books in Clearlake, Catfish Books in Lakeport and at the theater box office, open from noon to 5 p.m. Thursdays. Call 263-0577; Visa and Mastercard available by phone. Proceeds benefit Compassion 2 Help and area ministries. For more information on Compassion 2 Help, go to www.compassion-2help.org.

May 11:

• Mendo-Lake Singers (part of Sweet Adelines International) invites women who enjoy singing to its weekly rehearsals, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Four Square Church, 1125 Martin St. on the corner of Bevins and Martin in Lakeport. For information, call Christine at 263-5215 or Betty Lou at 263-4721.

May 12:

• Lake County Writers Group meets from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., "Arrive when you can; leave when you must," on the second Wednesday of each month at the Lower Lake Historic Schoolhouse Museum. For more information, call Vicki Werkley at 995-1228.

May 14:

• Open mic at 7 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at Java Express, 14624 Lakeshore Drive in Clearlake. Sign up early or call 995-1065 to be on the program.

May 15:

• Who's Who Star Revue celebrity lip sync, 2 and 7 p.m. May 15 at the Soper-Reese Community Theatre. Tickets are available during business hours each day at the chamber office, on Thursday afternoons at the theater box office and at www.SoperReeseTheatre.com.

Celebrate Mother's Day with Symphony

Conn Murray
Contributing writer

LAKEPORT — On Sunday, the Lake County Symphony will present another in its increasingly popular annual Mother's Day concerts, once again heavily weighted toward popular music from stage and screen. It will be held starting at three pm at the Marge Alakszay Center located on the campus of Lakeport Unified School District in Lakeport. The concert is presented by Clear Lake Performing Arts.

Orchestra director John Parkinson has entitled the concert "Curtain Up" with selections from a wide variety of movie themes sure to please those moms in the audience who grew up watching their favorites on the silver screen. They include excerpts from "No Business like Show Business," "Phantom of the Opera," "Don't Rain on my Parade," "Everything's Coming up Roses" and "If he Walked into my Life." followed by two pieces from "The Wizard of Oz" — "Over the Rainbow" and "We're Off to see the Wizard." A medley Parkinson calls "Go West" features music from such movie westerns as the "Magnificent Seven," "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly," and "Hang 'em High."

Next on the program is a

concert suite from the movie "Dances with Wolves" after which Parkinson and the orchestra move into the pirate mode with selections from the feature film "Hook" and several themes from Disney's "Pirates of the Caribbean."

At intermission the ladies of the CLPA Auxiliary will serve complimentary Mothers Day cookies and juice to attendees, after which the CLPA Youth Orchestra, temporarily under the direction of skilled musician and former CLPA scholarship student Eleanor Cook, will play two movie music themes. Cook will be filling in for regular conductor Wes Follett who will be traveling to a family event. Her choices for the program will be the "Love Theme from Titanic" and "Colors of the Wind" from "Pocahontas."

The ever-popular auction of the Conductor's Baton follows, with individual audience members pledging money to not only help fund the symphony, but also to win the chance to take the podium and lead the full orchestra in a rousing rendition of John Phillips Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." Conductor Parkinson assures prospective bidders that no prior conduct-

ing experience is necessary. "We have over half a hundred highly skilled musicians ready to follow that baton no matter who waves it," he says. In the past, enthusiastic bidders have helped to generate many hundreds of dollars for the orchestra.

The symphony's second half will open with a medley of themes from 007 — the James Bond epics — and concert selections from "Superman Returns" as well as complex and difficult passages from "Spider Man," which the orchestra has been practicing diligently. As a finale — and as a salute to Lake County "Trekkies" — Parkinson has chosen a medley called "Star Trek Through the Years." It includes themes from "Star Trek — the Motion Picture," "Deep Space Nine," "The Inner Light," "Generations" and "Voyager." The last selection on the program will be a suite from "The Star Wars Epic," which features "Princess Leia's Theme" from "Episode IV, A New Hope," "Darth Vader's Theme," and "The Forest Battle," from "Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back" and "Episode VI: Return of the Jedi" and the main title theme from "Star Wars" Episodes I through VI.

Admission to the CLPA concerts is \$15 for CLPA members and \$20 for the general public. CLPA memberships may also be purchased at the door. Youths younger than 18 are admitted free.

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'Fashions in Bloom'



Photo by Linda Kelly

Barbara LeVasseur, left, one of the models in the May 22 "Fashions In Bloom" fashion show, picks an outfit of hand-painted clothing created by Diana Liebe, right, of Serendipity Gallery & Boutique. The fashion show will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Harbor Village Artist Complex, 6197 Highway 20 in Lucerne and will benefit the Lucerne Alpine Senior Center. For information, call 245-7512.



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Over the airwaves ...

■ Veterans' Hour

The Veterans' Hour, with guests Dean Gotham and Bob Penny, airs from 9 to 10 a.m. every other Friday during Steve and Catherine Elias's radio show on KPFZ 88.1 FM.

■ Word Weavers

Word Weavers broadcasts at 4 p.m. each Saturday. This week, Word Weavers' "Touch of Drama" hosts Dante DeAmicis, and Florence Peck will feature an interview with guests from Lake County Theater Company discussing the upcoming production of "Tom Jones."

■ Karma Cola

"Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance" by Robert M. Pirsig, performed by Lawrence Pressman, will be broadcast at 9 p.m. every Monday and repeated at 10 p.m. every Tuesday for the months of May and June on KPFZ 88.1 FM.

■ The Law Show

Herb Gura interviews candidates for Lake County District Attorney, incumbent Jon Hopkins and challengers Douglas Rhoades and Don Anderson, 4 to 6 p.m. May 15. The studio line is 263-3435 or (800) 763-5739 (KPFZ).

Upcoming book events

■ Barbara Sinor

CLEARLAKE — Barbara Sinor, Ph.D. will sign copies of her fifth book, "Tales of Addiction and Inspiration for Recovery," 2 to 4 p.m. May 15 at Wild About Books in Clearlake. Information: www.drsinor.com.

■ Kit DeCanti

LAKE COUNTY — Kit DeCanti is planning a gala book opening party on May 28 for "Return to Cobb Mountain," a sequel to her earlier book, "Secret on Cobb Mountain." For more information, visit www.kitdeproductions.com.

■ Out-of-County Calendar

May 6:

• Karaoke from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. with LD Productions in the Coyote Den Bar and Dance Hall. No cover charge, \$100 in free play drawings throughout the night.

May 6-9:

• The Willits Center for the Arts exhibits work by area artists Lisa Lee, Tamsen Donner and Carolyn Hawley each weekend through May 30. The gallery is open from 3 to 7 p.m. each Thursday and Friday and from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

• The Napa Valley Opera House presents "A Chorus Line," featuring a cast of young adults from Napa Valley and beyond, 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at 1030 Main St. in Napa. Information: www.nvoh.org/.

• Spreckels Performing Arts Center in association with Abbott Productions presents "I Am My Own Wife" by Doug Wright, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at 5409 Snyder Lane in Rohnert Park. Winner of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for best play, "I Am My Own Wife" is based on the true story of Charlotte von Mahlsdorf, a real-life German transvestite who managed to survive both the Nazi onslaught and the repressive East German Communist regime. Information: www.spreckelsonline.com.

May 7:

• Indecisos Musical, 8 p.m. in the Coyote Den Bar and Dance Hall. No cover charge.

• Side of Blues, a Lake County-based five-piece dance band, performs beginning at 9:30 p.m. at the Ukiah Brewing Company.

May 8:

• Contra dance takes place at 7:30 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the Ukiah Community United Methodist Church (back entrance), 207 N. Pine St. in Ukiah. This month's dance features caller Celia Ramsey with musicians Debray Tayleur and friends. Free beginners' instruction at 7 p.m. Wear comfortable clothing. This dance is always a mixer (dancers change partners for each dance) so you do not need to bring a partner. Cost to dance is \$4 for dancing children ages 4 to 11, \$6 for ages 12 to 17, \$8 for 18 and older. Bring non-alcoholic beverage or dessert to share. For information, call Ulla at 467-0311.

May 13-16:

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ciation with Abbott Productions presents "I Am My Own Wife" by Doug Wright, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at 5409 Snyder Lane in Rohnert Park. Information: www.spreckelsonline.com.

May 13-23:

• Dreamweavers Theatre presents "The Diaries of Adam and Eve," May 13 to 23 at 1637 Imola Ave. in Napa. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. "The Diaries of Adam and Eve" is adapted by David Birney from "Adam's Diary" and "Diary for Eve" by Mark Twain. At first, Adam is puzzled by the new arrival in the garden and he is suspicious of her disturbing appetite for fruit. Eve, believing herself to be some sort of experiment, is curious about another experiment in the garden, perhaps some sort of reptile or possibly architecture. Eve gives names to everything, much to Adam's annoyance. He tries to ignore her, so she seeks companionship among the animals — particularly with a certain snake.

May 14 and 15:

• The Mendocino College Theatre Arts Department presents its eighth annual Festival of New Plays, 8 p.m. May 14 and 15 in the college's Little Theatre, Room 710 on its Ukiah campus, 1000 Hensley Creek Road. The festival features 10 new plays by local playwrights. Each play is approximately 10 minutes long and will be presented at both performances. Some of the plays contain mature content and the festival is recommended for viewers age 13 and older. Tickets are available at the Mendocino Book Company and at the Mendocino College bookstore and online at www.ArtsMendocino.org.

May 15:

• Heritage ranch tour, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at two historic working ranches near Willits, followed by a luncheon of locally-farmed meats and organic produce. The tour starts and ends at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 E. Commercial St. in Willits. Information: 459-2736.

Legendary pros join Lost Boys development

Staff reports

LAKEPORT — Team Lost Boys Management announces the addition of three legendary music "Pros" to its artist development project, focused on launching the career of the award-winning rock band from Northern California, The Lost Boys (TLB), into national prominence within the music industry.

Acclaimed "song man" and multi-Grammy Award winning producer, David Kershenbaum has reached an agreement to work with The Lost Boys in the area of song development in preparation for their upcoming sophomore release, currently scheduled for the fall of 2010. The music entrepreneur, considered one of the top producers in the world, has more than 75 international gold and platinum albums to his credit. Kershenbaum's legacy reads like a "Who's Who" of the music industry, credited with breaking artists like Janet Jackson, Bryan Adams, Supertramp, Duran Duran, Peter Frampton, Cat Stevens and Tracy Chapman. Kershenbaum's ability to find and launch the careers of developing new artists, has made him one of the most sought after music producers in the industry.

Platform One Entertainment has also reached an agreement to represent The Lost Boys in developing the TLB brand nationally, through a viral marketing program and grass roots approach. The legendary company integrates its efforts with radio sta-



Courtesy photo

The Lost Boys, shown above, continue to garner rave reviews for their "Why Not Now..." tour, which includes hometown performances this summer in Lakeport and Kelseyville.

tions, video networks, record companies, management companies, film studios, television stations, digital portals and publishing companies, to maximize exposure for its clients. Platform 1 Entertainment clients include Kings of Leon, Bon Jovi, Alice in Chains, Fall Out Boy, John Mayer, Maroon 5, KISS and The Killers.

Events For Good Booking (EFG) Agency serves as a full-service agency for national touring artists, leveraging its contacts and resources in the entertainment industry to connect the promoter with today's most in-demand musicians. EFG specializes in the booking, production,

and execution of events at colleges and universities across the United States and will represent The Lost Boys as their exclusive booking agency at colleges across the nation, while soliciting dates and booking a national collegiate tour for the band.

The Lost Boys are a five-piece rock band, from Lakeport, comprised of 17-year-old Beau Bastian on lead vocals/guitar, 18-year-old Jordan Mills on vocals/drums, 16-year-old Matt Weiss on vocals/keyboard, 17-year-old Thomas Cano on vocals/bass guitar and 17-year-old Gary Boyd on vocals/guitar.

The teenage quintet

is touring in support of their 2009 release entitled "Look Out World," recently nominated as the Rock Album of the Year by the L.A. Music Awards. The L.A. Music Awards also nominated the band for Rock Artist of the Year, with the winner to be announced at the 20th annual red carpet ceremony in November.

The "Why Not Now..." Tour 2010 continues to garner rave reviews from industry insiders and The Lost Boys will continue the tour, beginning May 15, with dates at WORLDFEST 2010, The Shore in Hermosa Beach, The Mint in Los Angeles, the Whisky A Go Go in Hollywood and the Indie Music Fest on the Sunset Strip in Hollywood.

The 2010 tour has also announced recent additions to the itinerary including shows at the Sonoma-Marin Fair, The Key Club in Hollywood, SummerFest at Venice Beach, and an industry record label showcase at the Vancouver Island Music Business Conference, in British Columbia, Canada.

The Lost Boys tour dates include a hometown show on Aug. 13 with an encore performance at Library Park in Lakeport and a Sept. 24 headline performance as part of the Moore Family Winery concert series in Kelseyville.

For a complete tour itinerary, additional information on The Lost Boys, or to book the band, contact Team Lost Boys Management, www.2lostboys.com or www.myspace.com/lostboyscali.

■ Entertainment Briefs

Second Sunday Cinema offers double feature

CLEARLAKE — Second Sunday Cinema is offering a double feature on the financial crisis, "The Warning" and Michael Moore's "Capitalism: A Love Story," for its Sunday screening at the Clearlake United Methodist Church, 14521 Pearl Ave., near Mullen in Clearlake.

"The Warning" will be screened at 5 p.m., one hour earlier than usual. Following a 15-minute break, "Capitalism: A Love Story" will begin at 6:15 p.m. Attendees are welcome to stay for the first film only, for both films, or for the second film only. The films are free, as always. For more information, call 279-2957.

Three new artists featured at First Friday Fling

LAKEPORT — Main Street Gallery's First Friday Fling features three new artists at its show, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday at 325 N. Main St. in Lakeport; Marge Bourgas's glass work, John Eells's acrylic abstracts

and Bruce Vandras's work in colored pencil. For more information, call 263-6658.

CLPA Auxiliary meeting this Monday

SODA BAY — Clear Lake Performing Arts Auxiliary meets Monday at Galilee Lutheran Hall on Soda Bay Road. For more information, call Sandy at 277-2038, Kathy at 279-8149 or Kim at 277-9716.

The CLPA Auxiliary is planning the eighth annual Home Wine Makers Festival, to be held June 26 at Library Park in Lakeport. The auxiliary invites volunteer involvement. It asks that attendees of Monday's meeting bring fresh, creative ideas to enrich the festival.