



Photo: Shmuel Thaler

Amara Gyulai
(Ensemble) in
Shakespeare Santa
Cruz's 2008 production
of Romeo and Juliet.

time in which the play is set signaled the arrival of summer for the Elizabethans, which they believed brought on revels of enchantment, witchcraft, and even madness.

Julius Caesar is set in a time of political wrangling, jockeying for power, and nation building. Lines are blurred between fighting for the public good and fighting for personal interest. Shakespeare explores how a nation's fate is dependent on the vagaries of human will.

Shipwrecked! An Entertainment - The

Amazing Adventures Of Louis de Rougemont (As Told by Himself) is a show for the entire family, a fantastical romp of good old-fashioned story telling. We sail off to the far side of the world with Louis reliving his amazing adventures. We are left to wonder if imagination holds more genuine value than truth.

The SSC Festival is performed on the campus of University of California at Santa Cruz. For tickets and schedules see shakespearesanta-cruz.org.

Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music

The Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music is pleased to announce its 47th season led by Music Director and Conductor Marin Alsop from August 2 to 16. Most recently named Musical America's 2009 Conductor of the Year, Alsop's vision for her 18th season at the Cabrillo Festival spans across the globe—and features works by the hottest composers from Argentina, Australia, Finland, Israel, Mexico, Scotland, the UK and the US. This season includes one World premiere, five US premieres

and three West Coast premieres in what the Wall Street Journal has hailed as "two of the most thoughtful and original summer musical weekends anywhere in America."

Some festival highlights include: Opening Night on Friday, August 7 at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, a Free Family Concert with a petting zoo-style Tour of the Orchestra, where kids get to meet the orchestra players—up close and personal to be held on Sunday, August 9 at 1pm at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, followed by "Sugar Magnolia," A Benefit Concert and Tribute to the Grateful Dead that evening at 8pm. The finale concerts are "Music at the Mission in San Juan Bautista" on Sunday August 16 at 4:30pm and 8pm. For festival tickets and the full schedule go to cabrillomusic.org or santacruztickets.com.

Surf City Classic

The Surf City Classic, the 16th Annual Woodies On The Wharf, will take place Saturday, June 27 from 10am to 4pm at the scenic Santa Cruz Wharf with more than 200 pre-1950s "woodies" on display. This FREE celebration of the surf spirit and classic surf wagons is fun for the entire family. Music, T-shirts, memorabilia and prize drawings add to the excitement. Free bike valet. (831)420-5273 or visit ci.santa-cruz.ca.us.

Japanese Cultural Fair

The Japanese Cultural Fair will be held Saturday, June 20 from 11am-6pm at Mission Plaza Park, a short walk from downtown Santa Cruz.

It hosts traditional and contemporary dance and musical performances, a martial arts presentation, craft workshops, Taiko drumming, Okinawan Dance and Tea Ceremony, and Japanese food. Open and free to the public. jcfsc.org.

Aloha Races & Polynesian Festival

Aloha Celebrity Races & Polynesian Festival will be held on Sunday, August 16, 9am-5pm at the Santa Cruz Wharf with the races starting at 9am and the festival at 11am. Designed especially for new and novice paddlers, the Ce-

Marin Alsop,
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Music.



Photo: Grant Leighton

lebrity races are a chance to discover the excitement of outrigger canoe racing. Join the fun or cheer for your racing friends.

The Polynesian Festival follows with a taste of the tropics; fresh flower leis, Hawaiian shaved ice, Maori face painting, print making and dance performances. (831)420-5273 or wharf@ci.santa-cruz.ca.us.

Cabrillo Stage

The Cabrillo Stage Theater will perform two plays this summer at Cabrillo College in Aptos: "I Love You, You're Perfect...Now Change" (June 26 to July 26) and "The Wizard of Oz" (July 17 to August 16.) "I Love You, You're Perfect...Now Change" is Seinfeld set to music and makes for a great "date" show. "The Wizard of Oz"—a girl, a twister, and a pair of ruby slippers—the kids will love it! Before there was "Wicked" there was this timeless tale of a girl trying to find her way home. For tickets and schedule call 831-479-6154 or visit cabrillostage.com.



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Capitola Begonia Festival

The 57th Annual Capitola Begonia Festival takes place on Sept 4 through Sept 7 over Labor Day Weekend. Highlights include: Capitola Fall Film Festival on the beach, bring your picnic dinner, chairs and blankets. Sat. Sept 5, Sand Sculpture Contest 8:30am to 12noon. Sun., Sept 6, Horseshoes on the Sand at 8am, Nautical Parade on Soquel Creek from 1pm to 3pm, Concert in the Park 4 to 6pm. Mon., Sept. 7 is the Fishing Derby 6am to 12noon, Rowboat Races at 1pm. Parking is very limited. Take a shuttle bus service from the Lot on McGregor Drive. Exit on Park Avenue from Hwy 1. Call (831)476-3566. begoniafestival.com.

Open Studios

This Santa Cruz county-wide event opens the studio doors of our local artists for viewing and buying original art. It is held over three weekends: October 3-4, 10-11, with an Encore Weekend of October 17-18. Studios will be open from 11am to 6pm. A program book is your ticket to the studios. Call the Santa Cruz Cultural Council (831)475-9600 or visit ccsc.org for program book sale locations. □

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