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WHAT'S NEW IN OAKLAND November 2016

November in Oakland is filled with exciting news, bringing a new culinary concept, two major hotel renovations and many special events.

Food & Drink News

Forage Kitchen Now Open in Uptown Oakland

Forage Kitchen, a culinary co-working concept founded by cousins Iso Rabins and Matthew Johansen is officially open for business in Uptown Oakland. The establishment serves as an incubator and home for startup food businesses, providing chefs and makers with essential kitchen workspace, a communal office area, business resources and an on-site café. For more information, visit www.foragekitchen.com.

Hotel News

The New Oakland Marriot City Center Debuts Its \$22 Million Renovation

The Oakland Marriot City Center officially debuts the hotel's new design and renovations this month. The new design concept is inspired by Oakland's culturally diverse history, where industrial powerhouse meets urban graffiti. The renovation includes 500 newly designed guest rooms and suites featuring the international chain's completely re imagined concepts immersed in local inspiration and artwork. The new M Club, Marriott's private club on the second floor, offers sleek and super-functional designs and amenities while Iron & Oak Restaurant & Bar debuts with an Oaklandish-designed logo and the best of Oakland-sourced ingredients on its robust menu, furthering the city's booming culinary scene. For more information, visit www.theNewOaklandMarriott.com.

Special Events

Love Jones The Musical: November 3 & 4, 2016 | Paramount Theatre

Love Jones The Musical, a stage adaptation of the critically acclaimed 1997 Love Jones film, is a cast of R&B music's biggest names, including Chrisette Michele, Musiq Soulchild, Marsha Ambrosius, MC Lyte, Raheem Devaughn and Dave Hollister. For more information, visit www.lovejonesthemusical.com.

Oakland Symphony Gala: November 5, 2016 | Rotunda Oakland

The 2016 Oakland Symphony Gala, Chromatic, will be held under the beautiful dome of downtown Oakland's Rotunda Building. The event will feature five stories, five performances, five wines and five course.. The night features jazz, big band, and classical selections from Oakland Symphony programs. For more information, visit www.oaklandsymphony.org/chromaticc.

Patchwork Show, Modern Makers Festival: November 5, 2016 | Jack London Square

Patchwork Show is Dear Handmade Life's bi-annual, makers festival showcasing local emerging artists, crafters and designers alongside artisan food, DIY craft workshops, gourmet food trucks and indie music. All Patchwork shows are free to attend and family friendly. Vendors products will feature clothing, handbags, accessories, jewelry, art, ceramics, garden finds, home goods, plushies, crochet & knit items, pet gear, kits & patterns, bath & body goodies and more! For more information, visit http://dearhandmadelife.com/patchwork-show/.



Fourth Annual Vegan Mac Down: November 6, 2016 | Omni Commons

Oakland Veg and FFAC will be hosting their fourth annual Vegan Mac Down mac n' cheese cook-off. The event will feature sampling the entries and voting, shopping from local vendors and more. For more information, visit www.ffacoalition.org/fourth_vegan_macdown.

Dashe Cellars 8th Annual Paella Fiesta: November 12 & 13, 2016 | Dashe Cellars

Dashe Cellars will be holding their 8th Paella Fiesta on November 12th & 13th, as well as celebrating the 20th Anniversary of making wine as Dashe Cellars. The event will feature Master Chef Gerard Nebesky's giant pans of paella, live flamenco music and dance performances, VIP lounge for Club members, new fall releases and barrel samples, 25% case discount on wine during the event and a souvenir wine glass. This year Dashe will be partnering with Oakland's own Heyday Coffee to provide guests with delicious coffee. Tiickets will sell out fast. For more information, visit www.dashecellars.com/news/index/249.

Oracle Arena Events

Katt Williams Conspiracy Theory Tour: November 4, 2016 | Oracle Arena

The comedian, actor and renowned urban public official Katt Williams is bringing his Conspiracy Theory Tour to Oracle Arena on November 4th! For more information, visit http://www.coliseum.com/events/detail/katt-williams.

Lil Wayne & 2 Chainz Collegrove Tour: November 10, 2016 | Oracle Arena

Lil Wayne, 2 Chainz, Lil' Boosie, Migos, and Juvenile will be performing this November at Oracle Arena for the Collegrove Tour! For more information, visit http://www.coliseum.com/events/detail/lil-wayne-2chainz.

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