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# Press Release

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## Midsummer Melodrama Comes to Town Green Free outdoor theatre event set for July 14 & 15

Get ready for high drama, virtuous heroes, sinful villains, and damsels in distress as the Town of Danville and Windows to America, with support from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, present *A Midsummer Melodrama*.

This free, family friendly event is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. July 14 & 15, 2018 on the Danville Town Green, 420 Front Street.

Melodramas are plays full of action, exaggerated characters, and heightened emotions with live musical underscoring. Audiences get to playfully interact with the actors by cheering the heroes, booing and hissing at the villains, and joining together to sing beloved, traditional songs.

This year's *Midsummer Melodrama*, directed by Eric Fraisher Hayes, is a presentation of *Dirty Work at the Crossroads* by Bill Johnson. In the show, sweet Nellie Lovelace and her mother live peacefully on the family farm. Unbeknownst to Nellie and her mother, the railroad has plans for coming through the valley making the farm a valuable piece of property. Enter the villainous Munro Murgatroyd and his sidekick, the notorious Ida Rhinegold. The evil pair will stop at nothing to wrestle away the Lovelace farm. Will brave, but simple, blacksmith Adam Oakhart be able to save Nellie and the farm? Will the even simpler, but practical, ranch hand Mookie Maguggins save Adam Oakhart? Will Nellie need to save them all?

This free community event will be light, fun, and appropriate for all ages.

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