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Orinda Starlight Village Players '16: Two Funerals and an Audit

By Sora O'Doherty



From left, Lisa Marie Taylor and Linda Ellinwood in "Murder on the Nile." Photo provided

Now in its 33rd season, the Orinda Starlight Village Players are currently performing an Agatha Christie play, "Murder on the Nile." It is the tradition of the purely voluntary group of thespians to open every season with a play by the prolific Christie, whose works have stood the test of time.

At the same time, OSVP are rehearsing their next production, "Aria's" by Robert Merrill. The play is described by its author as "a heart-warming look at how change affects our lives. Marie struggles to keep the family business and live her own life after her husband's unfortunate — though comic — death . . . against a backdrop of urban redevelopment." This will be the Bay Area premier of

this romantic comedy. You can meet the author on opening night.

Closing out the OSVP season — and the summer — will be a rollicking farce, "Sex, Lies and the IRS," written by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore. It may not be nice to fool the IRS, but apparently it can be very funny.

The outdoor theater is located at 28 Orinda Way in Orinda Community Park. Reservations can be made on line; tickets are available at the door. Regular admission is \$16, Senior admission is \$8 and Season Tickets can be had for \$35 regular, \$21 senior.

There are light refreshments for sale, or you may want to bring a picnic and eat in the park before the performance.

Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Nile"

June 3 through July 2
8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays
8 p.m. Thursday June 30
4 p.m. Sunday June 26

Robert Merrill's "Aria's"

July 22 through August 13
8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays
4 p.m. Sunday August 7
8 p.m. Thursday Aug. 11

Van Zandt & Milmore's "Love, Sex and the I.R.S."

September 10 through October 1
8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays
4 p.m. Sunday Sept. 18 and 25
8 p.m. Thursday Sep. 29

As Official Results Near, Measure L Winning Comfortably

By Sora O'Doherty

Although Contra Costa election results are still not certified by the County Registrar, it is fairly certain that Orinda's Measure L — a \$25 million bond issue dedicated to roads and drains — will pass comfortably. As of June 24, the fifth update to the election results posted by the County, yes votes on Measure L were at 68.52 per cent

while no votes were at 31.48 per cent. As a bond revenue measure, it is required to pass with a two-thirds majority.

To raise the \$25 million approved by the bond issue, the best estimate of the total debt service, including principal and interest, required to be repaid if all the bonds are issued and sold is approximate-

ly \$36.7 million. The annual cost to Orinda property owners is estimated at slightly over 2 cents per \$100, which translates to approximately \$20 per \$100,000 of assessed property value, or approximately \$200 additional tax per \$1 million.

This will be in addition to the \$12 parcel tax for the San Francisco Bay restoration that was not

avored by Contra Costa voters but passed with sufficiently high numbers in the other affected counties to become law. The first ever parcel tax in the history of the state to be levied throughout an entire region encompassing multiple counties, the nine-county parcel tax for the Bay will expire in 2037.

City staff had asked County

Elections to not assign the road bond measure the letter L to prevent confusion with Orinda's 2012 Measure L half-cent sales tax, but, as luck would have it, in 2016 Orinda was again Measure L on the ballot, leaving Orinda with two concurrent Measures L: the half-cent sales tax, in effect until 2022, and the new Measure L bond issue.

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