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

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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

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