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## Orinda Starlight Village Players hold auditions for 37th season

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General auditions for all three shows in the Orinda Starlight Village Players' season will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. March 29 at the amphitheater in the Orinda community park and from 7 to 9 p.m. March 31 in the Carpentry Room at the Orinda Community Center. Orinda Starlight Village Players' first show for the 2020 season will be Agatha Christie's "Toward Zero" performed June 5 through July 4. Directed by Amy Cook, the plot revolves around a house party at Gull's Point where Nevill Strange finds himself caught between his old wife and his new flame. A nail-biting thriller, the play probes the psychology of jealousy in the shadow of a savage and brutal murder.

The rest of the season will consist of George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," July 24 through Aug. 15, and Malcolm Cowler's adaptation of L. Frank Baum's "The Marvelous Land of Oz," Sept. 11 through Oct. 3.

"Pygmalion" is Shaw's classic tale of two linguists, Professor Higgins and Colonel Pickering, betting on whether Higgins can transform the life of flower seller Eliza Doolittle from a cockney flower girl into a proper English woman in six months. "The Marvelous Land of Oz" follows the adventures of a young boy named Tip as he escapes from a wicked sorceress and tries to recapture the Emerald city.

Actors who wish to audition should be prepared to cold read from the script, should bring a resume and headshot and also something with which to write. If you can't make Tech Week (May 31-June 4), it is unlikely you can be cast, so actors should also bring a list of conflicts.

Rehearsals are generally held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Rehearsals for the first show will start in April, for second show in June, and the third in August.



Last season's production of "The Women in White". Actors Claire Stevenson as the Women in White and Jeff Kimmich. Photo Charlie Jarrett

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