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COURTESY OF ENID DAVIS

The Wise Owl Players take part in a recent rehearsal. The 50-and-over acting troupe's next production – titled "Deleted." – is slated to run Saturday and Sunday in downtown Mountain View.

Wise Owl Players stages Davis' 'Deleted.'

Senior acting troupe performs play
Saturday and Sunday in Mtn. View

Town Crier Report

The Wise Owl Players is set to present "Deleted." Saturday and Sunday at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.

Written by Los Altos resident and former children's librarian Enid Davis, "Deleted." details the lives of fictional characters deleted from their authors' manuscripts. The abandoned figures come together in an emotional support group, resulting in a comedic murder-mystery tale.

The Wise Owl Players is an acting troupe com-

prised of adults 50 and over who perform dramatized staged readings. The Palo Alto-based nonprofit Avenidas sponsors the program, which offers drama classes for older adults – including storytelling and creative writing – taught by Davis.

The Wise Owl Players previously presented George Orwell's "Animal Farm," adapted by Ian Wooldridge.

Performances of "Deleted." are scheduled 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$16; children under age 5 will not be admitted.

For tickets and more information, call 903-6000 or visit mvpca.com.

PA Players kicks off season with 'Bright Star'

Town Crier Report

Palo Alto Players' artistic director Patrick Klein recently unveiled the five plays scheduled for the theater company's 2019-2020 season, slated to start this week.

The season, titled "If You Knew My Story," consists of "Bright Star," "A Christmas Story: The Musical," "A Doll's House, Part 2," "Matilda the Musical" and "An Act of God."

All performances in the 89th season will be held at the Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

The season schedule:

- "Bright Star," today through Sept. 29. Written and composed by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell. An original musical with an original bluegrass score, it tells the tale of love and redemption in the American South in the 1920s and '40s.

- "A Christmas Story: The Musical," Nov. 9-24. The musi-



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Palo Alto Players' "Bright Star" – featuring Elizabeth Santana and Frankie Mulcahy – opens the 2019-2020 season this week.

cal is based on the motion picture written by Jean Shepherd, Leigh Brown and Bob Clark; it features a book by Joseph Robinette and music and lyrics by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul. "Christmas Story" centers on the young and be-

spectacle Ralphie Parker as he schemes his way to the holiday gift of his dreams: an air rifle.

- "A Doll's House, Part 2," Jan. 18 through Feb. 22. Written by Lucas Hnath, the drama,

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