



## The Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Chester County

*A Source of Innocent Merriment Since 1987*

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### LEAVES IN AUTUMN FADE AND FALL, IT'S A GALA AFTER ALL



Looking for an excuse to dust off that moth-nibbled cummerbund? (Bet you didn't know it was spelled that way—I didn't.) Want to whistle all the airs from that infernal nonsense "Pinafore" amongst old, and not quite so old, friends? Just can't wait till February to get your next fix of fiddle-dee-dee?

Then you'll want to head right over to [www.gsschesco.org](http://www.gsschesco.org) and purchase your tickets for the 25<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary Gala Concert**. It shall be a right deuce of a celebration, not only of the incomparable partnership of Gilbert & Sullivan, but of all the memorable partnerships created by our G&S community, onstage and off, for the last quarter century. Choristers and principals from days and years gone by will return to

remoisten the lucid lake of liquid love you hold for these operettas and the people you know who infuse them with heart and with voice.

Not only will the gala concert feature songs from shows you love, sung by people you love (you love us, right? We just want to be loved) our GSSCC orchestra will be playing along, as will Jon Williams on piano. The legendary Florrie Marks will be mouthing "WATCH ME" from behind the baton and Julie May & Bob Binkley have done an outstanding job directing—it will truly be an event to remember: **Friday, November 16 at 8pm** and **Saturday, November 17 at 1:30pm**.

Following Saturday's gala performance, let your peruke down at the **Ultimate Cast Party**, a rakish good time featuring fabulous routines and songs, a buffet dinner fit for a marquis or a duke, BYOB action, and a chance to really celebrate 25 years of harmless merriment. Rumor has it there are some can't miss acts in store for your enjoyment. Both the gala and the cast party take place at **Holy Trinity Church in West Chester**, but we'll do our best to keep religion out of it. Go to [www.gsschesco.org](http://www.gsschesco.org) RIGHT NOW!

## IN THIS COLLEGE USEFUL KNOWLEDGE EVERYWHERE ONE FINDS



Okay, so maybe having unmatched knowledge of every intimate (whoa there) detail of the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Chester County's history isn't exactly *useful* knowledge, but it's knowledge, and knowledge is power and I know that because I read it on the back of a matchbook once.

Your GSSCC knowledge will be augmented, enhanced, inflated and dare I say escutcheoned if you come to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, because you will be presented with a 100-page souvenir program featuring photographic remnants of our society's entire history, fun (and cheerful) facts and delightful details. For a sneak peak at the program, the program's coordinator, editor and maven Martha Smylie generously sent me a picture from days of yore. Can you name each performer in this picture? If you think you can, Sir Smarty-pants, K.C.B., send your answer to [katisha9@comcast.net](mailto:katisha9@comcast.net) and you will win a... prize.

Of some... sort. Yeah. A prize.

Right.

Okay, here goes: who's in this picture from GSSCC's 2002 "Pinafore"? (and no cheating, if you'd know how to cheat at something like this)



Note: Don't waste time wondering where's Waldo. He's in the brig.

## HARMONIOUS HAPPENINGS



Well, obviously...



That's right, you French and Turks and Proosians, GSSCC is staging *H.M.S. Pinafore*. If you didn't know that by now, you must have extra grog in your ears, but we love you anyway.

And, if we can't have you onstage or in Josephine's cabin (grrrrrow!!) we want you in a seat at the plush n' posh Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre: February 7 at 8pm, February 8 at 8pm, February 9 at 2pm & 8pm, and February 10 at

2pm. Stage Directed by Julie C. May and Music Directed by Florrie Marks, it'll make you stand up and say, "DAMME, IT'S TOO GOOD!"

## ALSO....

Courtroom 1 at the Chester County Justice Center will be a slightly sillier place November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm and 8:00pm, and December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm as GSSCC stages Gilbert & Sullivan's charming and judicious one act opera *Trial by Jury*. Hear the fury of a cast stage directed by Kevin Strauss and Music Directed by Susan Guyer as they remind us all why breach of promise of marriage is the funniest crime on the books. Tickets available for *Pinafore*, *Trial*, and the Gala and/or Cabaret at [www.gsschesco.org](http://www.gsschesco.org).



Friday, Dec 7 at 8 PM

Saturday, Dec 8 at 2 PM and 8 PM

The Ardensingers present

### A GILBERT & SULLIVAN CHRISTMAS CAROL

at Gild Hall in Arden DE, visit [www.ardensingers.com](http://www.ardensingers.com) for details

## MORE HARMONIOUS HAPPENINGS



November 10, 14, & 17 at 8pm

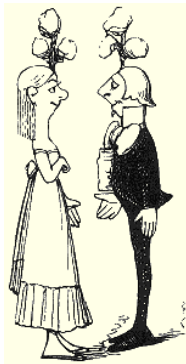
November 10, 11, 17, 18 at 2pm

Rose Valley Chorus and Orchestra present Johann Strauss'

### DIE FLEDERMAUS

at Strath Haven Middle School in Wallingford, PA, visit [www.rvco.org](http://www.rvco.org) for details

### **A G&S Fun Fact**



***I've jibe and joke  
And quip and crank  
For lowly folk  
And men of rank.***



“You have no idea what a poor opinion I have of myself, and how little I deserve it.”

***W. S. Gilbert***

In Stephen Sondheim's memoir "Finishing the Hat" (given to me as a gift by my wifey-doo) the vaunted musical theatre titan has much to say about, well, everything, and he had some rather unkind words for a man who is generally regarded to be a master of words: William Schwenck Gilbert. Gilbert's lyrics are an "unacquired taste" for Mr. Sondheim, and he further referred to Gilbert's ballads as "bloodless". He didn't spare Arthur Sullivan's music, either, calling it merely "decorative". To mete out revenge, I went and saw the revival of "A Little Night Music" on Broadway and threw some gay Sally Lunn at Angela Lansbury.

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PROUDLY PRESENTS ITS 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PRODUCTION OF

***H.M.S. PINAFORE***  
***OR: THE LASS THAT LOVED A SAILOR***



STAGE DIRECTOR: JULIE C. MAY -- MUSIC DIRECTOR: FLORRIE MARKS

FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>-10<sup>TH</sup> 2013

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