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### Our Fall 2017 Production

# A G&S Cinderella

Libretto by Paula Gonzalez  
Music by Sir Arthur Sullivan

### *Performances:*

**Nov. 11, 17 & 18, 2017 at 8PM**

**Nov. 12 & 18 at 2PM**

Stage Director: Sean McGuire  
Music Director: Helene Furlong



In the style of a panto, our production of *Cinderella* is accompanied by all your favorite Gilbert & Sullivan music. Enjoy the music, cheer for our heroes, and hiss at the villains! This is a production for all ages – why should kids have all the fun? Audience participation encouraged!

Auditions for our fall show, *A G&S Cinderella*, were held on Sunday, June 11, and Tuesday, June 13. Participation was good, and we'll have a mix of familiar and new faces as leads and Chorus members for the show. Many thanks to our Audition Committee (Sean McGuire, Helene Furlong, Paula Gonzalez, Leslie Leach, Pete Norris, Carina Waldeck), our Audition Accompanist (Jon Williams), our Audition Scheduler (John Newport), Auditions Hospitality (Richard Brenner, John Trexler) and, most of all, to our auditioners.

We are pleased to introduce our talented and exciting cast:

- CINDERELLA — Victoria Brown
- PRINCE HILARION — Bryan Henry
- SGT. MERYLL — David Price
- DAME CARRUTHERS — Elise Bjordammen
- EDITH — Pat Hannigan
- KATE — Amy Quinn
- FAIRY GODMOTHER — Petra DeLuca
- KING — John Dennison
- QUEEN — Debbie Fox
- LUIZ — Rob Hull.

Rehearsals start on Sunday afternoon, September 10 (special 1PM start time). We rehearse on Sunday afternoons from 2-4:30 PM and Tuesday evenings from 7:30-10 PM. Come and join in the fun! Please E-mail us at [ardensingers@gmail.com](mailto:ardensingers@gmail.com), or call John Trexler at (484) 319-2350, to confirm your participation. Per past practice, performers who have participated in an Ardensingers show in recent years will not be required to audition for the Chorus (but we'd still like to know you're coming!). Sean intends to make the Chorus very much part of the action.

The vocal score, .mp3 recordings of the music, and other information about the show is available on our Ardensingers website's Auditions Page: <http://www.ardensingers.org/WordPress/about-us/auditions/> Hard-copies of the vocal score are also available from John Trexler for \$15. (If you picked up a copy at the read-through, there are some updates to the dialog. We'll E-mail out the corrected parts, and/or will have copies of the corrected pages for you at the start of rehearsals.) Our Ardensingers Board has again agreed to pick up the cost of producing rehearsal CDs (recordings of individual Chorus voice parts, and some ensemble number parts). The CDs will be available by the start of rehearsals, and may be available online before then.

We have a strong Production Committee lined up for the show, although additional help is welcome, including trainees. Our first meeting is on Tues. June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the "Green Room". We'd particularly welcome a set artist, somebody to make or modify costumes, and additional Make-up Committee help. There are also many Business Committees that could use some help, including Publicity, newsletter, sign-ups, ticket sales, website maintenance, etc. If you'd like to help, or if you have friends, relatives, or acquaintances who might be interested in helping out with the show, please have them E-mail us at [ardensingers@gmail.com](mailto:ardensingers@gmail.com), or call John Trexler at (484) 319-2350.

### Ardensingers Annual General Meeting

Our Ardensingers Annual General Meeting will again be held in conjunction with the kickoff of our Fall show on Sunday, September 10. We will start with lunch at 1:00 pm, begin the meeting at 1:45, and then plan to start the actual rehearsal by 2:30. All past, current and future members are encouraged to join to hear a recap of the past year, vote on new Board members, and discuss plans for the future. We hope to see you there!

Per our bylaws, our Ardensingers Board is composed of twelve members, serving three-year rotating terms. Nominations of new Board members from the floor at the AGM are acceptable, but we also have a Nominating Committee, composed of the outgoing Board members (Doug Kurtze, Leslie Leach, Bruce Monroe, and Carina Waldeck), who study the issue and come up with a list of candidates. Our Nominating Committee will be recommending that the following Ardensingers members join our Board in October: Petra DeLuca, Alexis Droke, Bryan Henry, Sue Hudson, and Bill Ryan. We hope you agree that these are good selections. One of the nominees will be back-filling for Dan Libby, who has had to drop off the Board because of work conflicts.

### **Ardensingers' Dinner Gild Dinners – Sat. 10/21/17 & 3/24/18**

The Ardensingers sponsor one or two community dinners at the Gild Hall each year. We're tentatively scheduled for the two dates shown above. Typical attendance is 80 - 100 people. At recent dinners, we've staged highlights from our upcoming show "during dessert". E-mail us at [ardensingers@gmail.com](mailto:ardensingers@gmail.com) for more information, or to express your interest in being a head chef, or in helping with food preparation and serving. **We will be selecting a head chef for the October dinner very soon.** If you're unavailable to help out, come join us at the dinner. The Ardensingers will have 2 or 3 tables. The cost is \$11 for Arden Club members, and \$13 for non-members.

## The Ardensingers' Spring 2018 Production:

### **PATIENCE** or Bunthorn's Bride by Gilbert & Sullivan



Apr. 27 – May 5, 2018 at the Arden Gild Hall

David Leavitt - Stage Director  
Helene Furlong - Music Director

All the well-born young ladies in the village are in love with two contrasting poets: a "fleshly" poet and an "idyllic" poet who, in turn, are in love with the simple village milkmaid, Patience. Not willing to be shunted aside, the ladies' military suitors determine to become "aesthetic", too, if that's what it takes to win the women's hearts. A light-hearted spoof of all who take their art a little too seriously, with many memorable Sullivan melodies!

Auditions will be coming up in mid-September! Audition materials will be available online at our Auditions Page in the next few weeks, and we'll send out word at that time.

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**Saturday, September 2, 2017**

**Volunteers needed for the  
Beer & Wine Booth at the Arden Fair**

Jim Smith, Beermeister

The 110th Arden Fair will be Saturday, September 2 from 10am to 6pm.  
Rain Date: Sunday, September 3, 10am to 6pm.



The Ardensingers will again be hosting the Beer & Wine Booth at the Arden Fair on Saturday September 2, one of the most popular and fun activities, which the Ardensingers have supported for decades. It's also the biggest money-making event at the Fair, helping to keep the lights on at the Gild Hall. We hope you'll join us for one or more 2-hour shifts: 8:30-10am (Set-up), 10am-12pm, Noon-2pm, 2-4pm, and 4-5:30pm. More people are needed during the afternoon. It's a thirsty but well-behaved crowd. We're out of the sun under a large canopy in the aptly-named Shady Grove, adjacent to the pool and Gild Hall parking lot. Current, past, or prospective Ardensingers members are welcome, along with spouses, friends, and others willing to work. If you would like to sign up for a shift, please contact John Trexler at [ardensingers@gmail.com](mailto:ardensingers@gmail.com) or by phone at (484) 319-2350. We always have a good time in the Beer & Wine booth!

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**Sing the National Anthem at the Blue Rocks!**

**Thursday, August 17 at 6:35PM**

The Ardensingers will be singing the "Star Spangled Banner" at the Wilmington Blue Rocks' baseball game on Thursday, August 17 at 6:35PM.

All past, current and prospective Ardensinger members are welcome to join us. We will be rehearsing at 7:30 PM on both Tuesday, August 8 and Tuesday, August 15, and ask that all performers attend at least one rehearsal. Rehearsals will be in the Green Room. To indicate interest in participating, please contact John Trexler by email at [ardensingers@gmail.com](mailto:ardensingers@gmail.com) or phone at (484) 319-2350 as soon as possible to reserve your ticket(s). Tickets are ~\$12, for you and any guests.



## The Ardensingers Executive Committee 2016-2017

Gildmaster - John Trexler  
Assistant Gildmaster - Richard Brenner  
Treasurer - Bruce Monroe  
Recording Secretary - Lynda Gillow  
Corresponding Secretary - Rik Raphael

Members at Large:  
Doug Kurtze, Leslie Leach  
Sean McGuire, Pete Norris  
Beth Refaie, Carina Waldeck

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### ***“Tripping hither, tripping thither”*** – *Iolanthe* – What the *other* G&S societies are doing –

The Rose Valley Chorus & Orchestra presents *The Mikado* at Strath Haven Middle School, Wallingford, PA on November 4, 8 & 11, 2017 at 8:00 pm, and November 5, 11 & 12, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Ardensingers in the cast include Alexis Droke, Laura Carrasco, Carol Connolly, Colin Dahms, and Ed Nealley. More info: [www.rvco.org](http://www.rvco.org)

Non-G&S shows: Performances of Arden Shakespeare Gild’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* continue this weekend (Fri. / Sat. June 23 & 24 at 7:30pm in the Field Theater). You’ll have the opportunity to see our Cinderella Stage Director, Sean McGuire, perform as Starveling/Moonshine (More info: <http://ardenclub.org/shakespeare-gild/>). Also coming up soon is The Brandywiners’ production of *Beauty and the Beast* at Longwood Gardens on July 27-29 and August 3-5. Emily Moore and Pete Norris are among the performers. More info: <http://www.brandywiners.org/>

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**Our Newsletters:** If there is information that you would like included in a future edition of the newsletter, please contact Doug Kurtze at [ardensingers@gmail.com](mailto:ardensingers@gmail.com). If you would like to be added to or deleted from the distribution list, please contact John Trexler at [ardensingers@gmail.com](mailto:ardensingers@gmail.com). The latest newsletter is posted on our website: [www.ardensingers.org](http://www.ardensingers.org). We also have a casual Yahoo Group E-mail distribution list where members can email items of interest and post photographs. If you are not already a member and wish to join, then go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ardensingers> and click on “Join This Group!” Many thanks to John Trexler, our Webmaster, and Dan Libby, our Yahoo Group moderator, for maintaining these sites.

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Ardensingers: The Grand Duke, April 2017