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Our Spring 2017 Production

Gilbert & Sullivan's

The Grand Duke

Performances:

Apr. 21, 22, 28 & 29, 2017 at 8pm

Apr. 23 & 29, 2017 at 2pm

Stage Director: Kate Nealley

Music Director: Alan Paller

Rehearsals begin on Sunday Jan. 8 with our Kick-off Party, and will continue on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 10pm and Sunday afternoons from 2 - 4:30pm (5pm for the early music rehearsals). We'd welcome more Chorus members, and there are some minor roles that will be filled from the Chorus. We'd also welcome production and business committee assistance. Contact John Trexler at johngtrexler@gmail.com or (484) 319-2350 to express your interest, or for more information.

The Story:

The Grand Duke, the last of the Gilbert and Sullivan comic operas, has been condensed to a reasonable length for our Ardensingers production, while remaining true to the spirit of the G&S original. In this show, a troupe of actors conspires to take political power from the tyrannical Grand Duke Rudolph, and via a series of legal maneuvers (statutory duels), one of the actors, Ludwig, assumes all of the Grand Duke's rights and obligations. Soon he finds himself with far more wives, and prospective wives, than he knows what to do with. Never fear: once again, a lawyer solves the problem and all ends happily.

Kick-off Party?

Recent Ardensingers Activities
Dinner Gild Dinner – Saturday, October 18
M.P. Moon, Head Chef

The Arden community dinner we're sponsoring is on Saturday, October 18th. The Arden Dinner Gild organizes these dinners on most Saturdays between October and May, and typical attendance is ~120 people. Linda Heckert is our head chef, and we'd still welcome a few more people to help with food prep (Noon - 5pm) and/or with serving (4:30 - 7pm), and as many people who want to join us at the dinner ($10 for Arden Club members, and $12 for guests). The Ardensingers fill 2 - 3 tables, and we hope to stage some highlights from Snow White during the dinner. E-mail us at ardensingers@gmail.com for more information, or to express your interest.

A G&S Christmas Carol – Dec. 10 - 18. 2016

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Future Ardensingers Activities
Beer & Wine Booth at the Arden Fair
Jim Smith, Beermeister

The 107th Arden Fair was held on Saturday, August 30 from 10am to 6pm, on a beautiful day which topped out at a balmy 80°. By all accounts the Fair was a great success, and Shady Grove was rocking! We sold 33 kegs of beer and made more money than in the last several years. We've always been the single biggest money-maker at the Arden Club's annual Fair, and we couldn't do it without two great captains! Kudos to Jon Williams and Jim Smith for running a tight ship!

And huge thanks to our huge chorus of volunteers: Jen Andrews, Bob Beavins, Susan Boudreaux, Polly Brown, Carrie Cooper, Dave DeGarmo, Petra DeLuca, John Dennison, Ron Fava, Paula Gonzalez, Tony Gonzalez, Linda Heckert, Brett Heller, Sue Hudson, Annie Kohl, Dan Libby, John Newport, Doug Parisano, Mary Punshon, Wayne Punshon, Marisa Robinson, John Trexler, Pris Wainwright, Suzanne Winkler, and Bruce Wyman.

The Ardensingers Executive Committee 2016-2017

Jennifer Andrews, Melinda Benson, Petra DeLuca, Paula Gonzalez, Linda Heckert, Sue Hudson, Maria Leonetti, Bruce Monroe, Nicole Servais, Leslie Stanford, John Trexler, and 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 Gondoliers* on November 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 2014 at Strath Haven Middle School at 200 South Providence Road, Wallingford, PA . Stage Director is Daniel K. Williams and Musical Director is Carol Freed. Ardensingers who are in the cast include Ed Nealley, Colin Dahms, Ryan Goulden, Petra DeLuca, Dave and Julie Zaffarano, and Doug Kurtze. Website: www.rvco.org

The G&S Society of Chester County presents *Trial By Jury* on December 5 through 7, 2014, and they return to the ceremonial Courtroom One of the Historic Chester County Courthouse in downtown West Chester. Stage Director is Julie C. May and Music Director is Sarah Gober. Auditions at Church of the Holy Trinity, 212 S. High St., West Chester, PA on Sunday, September 21 and Wednesday, September 24, 7-9:30 pm. Especially seeking candidates for role of the Defendant. Rehearsals are Sundays, 5-6:30PM beginning Oct. 12. Contact George Bourrie at 484-995-4464 or gbourrie@yahoo.com to schedule an audition or for more info. More audition information is also available on Website: www.gsschesco.org

The G&S Society of Chester County presents *The Yeomen of the Guard* on January 29 through February 1, 2015 at Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre at West Chester University. Stage Director is Bob Binkley; Music Director is Florrie Marks. Auditions continue starting at 5:45PM this Sunday, Sept. 21 at Church of the Holy Trinity, 212 S. High St., West Chester, PA. Especially seeking candidates for roles of Leonard Meryll, Sgt. Meryll, and 1st Yeoman. Rehearsals are Wednesdays and Sundays 7-9:30PM. Contact George Bourrie at 484-995-4464 or gbourrie@yahoo.com to schedule an audition or for more info. More audition information also available on Website: www.gsschesco.org

Thespis, Etc. presents both *The Pirates of Penzance* and *The Pirettes of Penzance* (by Gilbert, Sullivan and Bob Beavins) on March 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22, 2015 at Stage One, 101 Plush Mill Road, Wallingford, PA. Stage Director is Daniel A. Libby and Music Director is Laura Burhans. Auditions are Sunday Sep 28 (2-6PM) and Monday, Sep 29 (7:30-10:30PM) at UUCDC, 145 W. Rose Tree Rd., Media PA. Contact Dan Libby at 215-992-9112 or libby.daniel.a@gmail.com for more information and appointment. Rehearsals are Mondays and Fridays, 7:30-10PM beginning 12/01/14 (leads begin 11/17 and/or 11/21) at Stage One, UUCDC (Media), and Laura's house (King of Prussia). No rehearsals 12/26/14, 12/29/14, or 01/02/15. More information is available on the website: www.thespis-etc.org

The Savoy Company presents *Patience* at 8:30 PM on Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13, 2015, at Longwood Gardens. Stage Director will be Bill Kiesling and Music Director is Peter Hilliard. More details will become available at www.savoy.org

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 If you would like to be added to or deleted from the distribution list, please contact John Trexler at ardensingers@gmail.com The latest newsletter is posted on our website: 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.