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The Ardensingers' Fall 2022 Production

Alice in Wonderland

Libretto by H. Saville Clarke

Music by Walter Slaughter

November 12, 13, 18 & 19, 2022

Stage Director: Staci Garber

Music Director: Helene Furlong



We are thrilled to announce the cast:

CAST - Act 1 - Alice in Wonderland

Alice	Sara Brick
White Rabbit	Lisette Walker
Caterpillar	Amy Quinn
Duchess	Alli Johnson
Cook	Sarah Norton
Cheshire Cat	Abigail Gruswitz
March Hare	Steve Zimmerman
Mad Hatter	John Trexler
King of Hearts	Richard Brenner
Queen of Hearts	Elise Bjordammen
Gryphon	George Webster
Mock Turtle	Steve Benigni

CAST - Act 2 - Through the Looking Glass

Alice	Sara Brick
White Queen	Alli Johnson
White King	Ira Dicker
Red Queen	Elise Bjordammen
Red King	Richard Brenner
Rose	Kaci Garber
Lily	Sarah Norton
Tweedledee	Steve Zimmerman
Tweedledum	John Trexler
Humpty Dumpty	Amy Quinn
Red King	Richard Brenner

Knave of Hearts, Executioner, White Knight, Hare, Unicorn, Lion, Pudding, Chorus of Fairies, Playing Cards, Courtroom Attendees, Chessmen, King's Horses and Men....LATER

Most roles were cast during auditions (June 14, 15 & 21, 2022), but we'd still welcome singers/actors to join the chorus (including young actors), and those willing to help out on production committees. Contact us at ardensingers@gmail.com.

Many thanks to our auditioners, our directors and audition committee members (Paula Gonzalez, Jen Heller & Selena Molina), accompanists (Jon William & Florrie Marks), and auditions hospitality (Elise Bjordammen & John Trexler).

NATIONAL ANTHEM AT THE BLUE ROCKS FRIDAY, JULY 29

Mark your calendars! The Ardensingers will be singing the “Star Spangled Banner” at the Wilmington Blue Rocks’ baseball game on Friday, July 29 at 6:35 PM.

All past, current and prospective Ardensingers are welcome to join us. We will be rehearsing on Tuesday, July 26, at 7:30 PM at the Gild Hall. Tickets are \$12 for singers and guests. Please fill out the following survey to let us know whether you will participate: [Blue Rocks / Arden Fair Survey](#).



Ardensingers performing at the Blue Rocks in 2016



Ardensingers performing at the Blue Rocks in 2017

BEER & WINE BOOTH AT THE ARDEN FAIR



The 14th Arden Fair - September 3rd, 2022

10AM - 6PM - Rain or Shine

Volunteers Needed for the Beer & Wine Booth

Biermeister: Jim Smith

The Ardensingers will again be hosting the Beer & Wine Booth at the Arden Fair on Saturday September 3, 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 support the operations of the Gild Hall. We

hope you'll join us for one or more 2 hour shifts. Please fill out the following survey to indicate your availability: [Blue Rocks / Arden Fair Survey](#). It's a thirsty but well-behaved crowd. We're out of the sun under a large canopy in the Shady Grove, adjacent to the pool and Gild Hall parking lot. Current, past, or prospective Ardensinger members are welcome, along with spouses, friends, and others willing to work.

ARDENSINGERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Save the date for our Annual General Meeting on Sunday September 11th at 1pm at the Gild Hall, ahead of our kick-off rehearsal for Alice in Wonderland. More info forthcoming...All past, current and future members are encouraged to join us to hear a recap of the past year, vote on new Board members and proposed changes to the by-laws, and discuss plans for the future. We hope to see you there!

PRINCESS IDA

The Ardensingers's Spring 2023 Show:
Gilbert and Sullivan's *Princess Ida*

April-May 2023 at the Arden Gild Hall

Stage Directors: Alexis Droke and Sean McGuire
Music Director: Helene Forlong



Princess Ida tells the hilarious tale of a princess and prince whose marriage was arranged when they were infants. Prince Hilarion has been waiting 20 years to meet his bride, but learns instead that Princess Ida will not honor the commitment, and has gone off to start a women's college. In an attempt to woo her, Hilarion and two companions dress up as maidens and sneak into the school. Violence between the two families looks certain, but true love prevails!

[Cast List / Show Information](#)

COSTUME COMMITTEE UPDATES

By Lynda Gillow, Costume Chair

The Costume Committee has been very busy over the last 2+ years, organizing our costume storage areas, inventorying costumes, decorating Victorian women's hats, making costumes, etc. The list of people who have helped out is long, and I expect that we've forgotten several names - Lauren Betts, Elise Bjordammen, Polly Brown, Dave DeGarmo, Dave Elder, Lynda Gillow, Jen Heller, Sue Hudson, Carina Jennings, Selena Molina, Pete Norris, Susan Ryan, John Trexler (and even some of our Ardensingers patrons, who decorated hats!). We've had two successful work days this year, on March 21st and May 24th. Here is a photo of the Gold Room following our most recent work day - there's room to move around now, the clothing racks are organized, and we even know what all is in our costume tubs! If you'd like to know more, please read our [2020 - 2022 Costume Report](#)



The Ardensingers Executive Committee 2021-2022

Gild Leader - John Trexler
Assistant Gild Leader - Selena Molina
Treasurer - Steven Zimmerman
Recording Secretary - Dave DeGarmo
Corresponding Secretary - Carina Jennings

Members at Large:
Steve Benigni, Carol Connolly
Peter DeLuca, Rosemarie Deluca
Lynda Gillow, Susan Ryan

If you are interested in joining the Ardensingers Board in the future, please contact
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EYES AND NO EYES/ G&S FIRST ACT FINALES, SPRING 2022, IN PICTURES





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