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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
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.

BEER & WINE BOOTH AT THE ARDEN FAIR

The 114th 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 Ardensinger’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

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**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 ardensingers@gmail.com.
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