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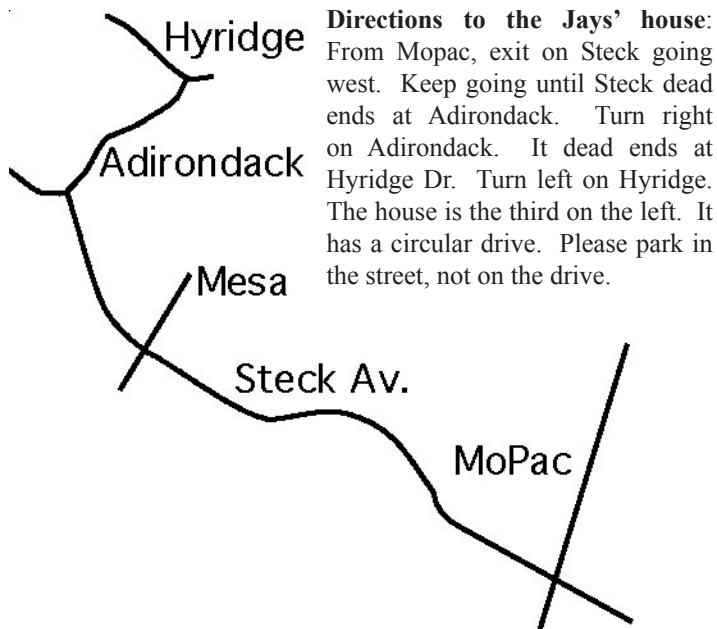
The Pirates of Penzance: an Evening of Airy Persiflage with Rafe MacPhail, Jr.

7:30 pm, Monday March 3, 2003
at Benny & Nancy Jay's house
4305 Hyridge Drive, 343-8408
Please bring munchies

Rafe, who will direct our Pirates, is our G&S authority and mentor. He is *sui generis* (in a class by himself). Come welcome him and enjoy the delightful presentation of his knowledge and wit.



From Rafe's Christmas Card



Directions to the Jays' house:
From Mopac, exit on Steck going west. Keep going until Steck dead ends at Adirondack. Turn right on Adirondack. It dead ends at Hyridge Dr. Turn left on Hyridge. The house is the third on the left. It has a circular drive. Please park in the street, not on the drive.

"Pour, oh, pour the pirate sherry"

Larry Shepley • President

Some years ago I started collecting wine. For quite a while I was in an excellent wine-tasting group — and no, we did not spit, we swallowed. I have amassed a collection of wines, and at our Musicale on March 3, **An Evening with Rafe**, I will be sharing some of these wines, including some which are curiosities and some which could be the best wines you have ever sampled. Included:

White:

Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Spätlese 1979 (Moselle)
Hess Select Chardonnay 1989 (California)
Yarden Galil Cabernet Blanc 1985 (Israel)
Gamla Galil Cabernet Blanc 1985 (Israel)
Round Hill Chardonnay 1989 (Napa California)
Kaseler Nies'chen Spätlese 1985 (Germany)

Red:

Clos-Vougeot Dom. Liger-Belair 1969 (Burgundy)
Fixin Clos de la Perrière 1967 (Nuits-St.-Georges)
Ch. Beauséjour 1970 (St. Emilion)
Ch. Cantemerle 1964 (Médoc)
Noceto Sangiovese 1990 (Shenandoah California)
Gr. Vin de Léoville ... Las Cases 1983 (St. Julien)

Red — Magnum

Ch. L'Angéus 1966 (St. Emilion)

Sherry

Harvey's Old Bottled Sherry Bristol Cream Bottled 1979

All of Monday's entertainment (and wine) will be free, of course (but I will be pleading for donations for *Pirates*).

On other news, we have started making plans for a new form of Gala Fundraiser: Dinner and G&S on April 6. (See the notice elsewhere in this newsletter.) And keep in mind that in October we will be presenting a concert version of one of the best comic operas of all time: *Iolanthe*.

Bylaws

Copies of the new Bylaws are available from Reba Gillman. Please call 327-2277.

Next Board meeting

Tuesday March 11, 7:00 pm, at Paula Tyler's.

CAST CALL

Auditions Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2, 2003

G&S's ***The Pirates of Penzance***

To be presented in mid-late June by **The Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Austin**

Be a part of this delightful tale of Pirates, Police Constables, a Major General, and Wards of Chancery. One of the most beloved of Gilbert and Sullivan's works, ***The Pirates of Penzance*** tells the tale of Frederic, an accidental pirate who falls in love with the major general's daughter and vows to rid Britain of the pirates he loves to hate. Of course, nothing is ever that simple in the topsy-turvy world of Gilbert and Sullivan. Rafe MacPhail, Jr. is coming back to Austin to direct the show, and Jeffrey Jones-Ragona will be Music Director. Dan Smith is the Executive Producer.



Principals in this opera include:

- Major General Stanley** — "I am the very model of a modern Major General" (baritone)
- The Pirate King** — "O better far to live and die" (baritone)
- Frederic** (the pirate apprentice) — "O is there not one maiden breast" (tenor)
- Sergeant of Police** — "When a felon's not engaged in his employment" (baritone)
- Mabel** (Major General Stanley's daughter) — "Poor wand'ring one" (soprano)
- Ruth** (a Pirate Maid of All Work) — "When Fred'ric was a little lad" (mezzo-soprano)
- Samuel** (the Pirate King's Lieutenant)
- Edith, Kate, Isabel** (Major General Stanley's daughters)
- Chorus** of Pirates, Police, and Maj. Gen. Stanley's daughters

Come prepared to sing a piece from light opera (perhaps one by Gilbert & Sullivan!) and do a cold reading from ***The Pirates of Penzance***. Intensive rehearsals are planned from 5/26 through 6/12, and performances are planned for every Thu, Fri, Sat and Sun from 6/12 through 6/29. A small honorarium will be paid to all performers.

Call **Chuck Antonie** at **(512) 733-1006** for a 10 minute time slot. Auditions will begin at 9:30 am Saturday, March 1 and at 2:00 pm Sunday, March 2. Auditions will be held at Genesis Presbyterian Church: 1507 Wilshire Blvd., Austin

News

Congratulations to **Larry and Robin Garvin**, who are the happy parents of **Hannah Miriam Garvin**, born January 28, 2003.

On January 28th a few of our members enjoyed a delightful, informal production of *Die Fledermaus* put on at St. Edward's by an energetic group of young singers, several of whom have performed in our productions. Organized by **Christine Walsh, Holton Johnson** and **Eric Peabody** were two other singers we have seen and heard in *The Sorcerer* and *Trial by Jury and More*. Seven singers performed in a comfortable lecture hall, with upholstered, banked seats and a platform for the stage. Scenery consisted of a table and some chairs, but colorful costumes added drama to the excellent singing and acting. We hope to hear more from this group with enough advance notice to share the joys with more people.

The fate of the **Long Center for the Performing Arts** may be decided at the Austin City Council meeting at 2:00 pm, Thursday February 27th. Please attend to show support for this important project. For information contact Michelle DeCrane (mdecrane@the longcenter.org or 482-0800, ext. 101).

Contributors to Pirates 2003

(Please add your name to this growing list!)

Underwriters: **Chris Buggé, Larry Shepley**

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Coming Attraction

Save the Date

Gala Fundraiser: Buffet Dinner (Cash Bar) with Musical Scenes from Gilbert & Sullivan

Sunday April 6, 2003, 6:00 pm

North by Northwest Restaurant, 10010 N. Capital of Texas Hwy.

Only \$35 per person

Brad Merrell is organizing this Gala. We thank Davis Tucker, owner of NxNW and an old friend, for his assistance. If you would like to perform, please contact Brad by e-mail at bmerrell@ikon.com or by phone at 517-1947.

Membership Form

We encourage you to join our Society. If you are a member, please check your membership renewal date on the top of the mailing label. If expired or near expiration, your membership needs to be updated! To correct your address, renew your membership, or become a member, complete this form, and mail it to us at:

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☐ My donation of _____ is enclosed. (For levels & privileges, see below.)

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Meetings of the Board of directors

Monthly, dates to be announced

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