

About Gilbert & Sullivan

The Gilbert & Sullivan comic operas were composed between 1871 and 1896 in Victorian London. Their sparkling musical scores by Sir Arthur Sullivan and their dazzling lyrics by Sir William S. Gilbert have kept them popular throughout the English-speaking world ever since. They've been called the "Saturday Night Live" of their day for their satiric appeal, but they have proven universal and timeless in their comic and ironic treatment of human foibles through their "airy persiflage" and "innocent merriment." And the popular appeal of the music has endeared them to millions who cherish "laughing song and merry dance." They are arguably the most popular "musical comedies" ever written for the stage.



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The Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Austin

presents

The Secrets of *H.M.S. Pinafore*: a Preview of This Summer's Grand Production

by Ralph MacPhail, Jr.

with Performances by the Cast

conducted by Dr. Jeffrey Jones-Ragona

Jeanne Sasaki, Pianist

May 18, 2014

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

Austin, Texas

The
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Program

Welcome and Introduction Libby Weed
The Secrets of *H.M.S. Pinafore* Ralph MacPhail, Jr.
 Selections from *H.M.S. Pinafore* included:
“We sail the ocean blue” Chorus of Sailors
“I’m called Little Buttercup” Buttercup
“Things are seldom what they seem” . . . Buttercup and Captain Corcoran
“But tell me who’s the youth” Buttercup and Boatswain
“The nightingale” Ralph and Chorus of Sailors
“When I was a lad” Sir Joseph and Chorus
“The hours creep on apace” Josephine
“Oh joy, oh rapture unforeseen!” (Finale of Act II) The Ensemble
“My gallant crew” Captain Corcoran and Chorus of Sailors
Parody: “He is an American!” The Conductor
“He is an Englishman” Boatswain and Chorus
“Hail, Poetry” (*The Pirates of Penzance*) . . Pirate King, company, & audience
“Now to the banquet we press” (*The Sorcerer*) Company and audience
Pianist Jeanne Sasaki

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Please join us for refreshments after the program.
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Produced by Janette Jones

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“The Secrets of *H.M.S. Pinafore*,” with an expanded text but with only three musical illustrations, was originally commissioned of and presented by Ralph MacPhail, Jr., in March, 2014, for The Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Company in Chicago.

Cast

Russell Gregory - Sir Joseph Porter
Carol Brown - Josephine
Arthur DiBianca - Captain Corcoran
Holton Johnson - Ralph Rackstraw
Janette Jones - Little Buttercup
David Fontenot - Dick Deadeye, Pirate King
Julius Young - Bill Bobstay
David Yakubik - Bob Becket
Megan Sherrod - Cousin Hebe

Chorus

Bruno Barbosa	Kate Clark	Will Fox
Leann Fryer	Paul Halstead	Rosa Harris
Chris Karaguleff	Melissa Kreuger	Mark Long
Maurine McLean	Susan Meitz	John O'Brien
Annaliese Oliveira	Rachael Shaw	Tim Sheburne
Mario Silva	Ian Stilwell	Abigail Taylor
Hilary Taylor	Jamie Taylor	Brittany Trinité
Patrick Wright	Jay Young	



SUMMER GRAND PRODUCTION

June 12 - 22, 2014 9 Performances