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1949	Iolanthe	1981
1950	The Gondoliers The Mikado	1982
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1959	The Mikado Ruddigore	1991
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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



Welcome to *Patience* – our 96<sup>th</sup> production since the Society's first show in 1949.

Patience originally opened at the Opera Comique on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1881, transferred to the new electrically lit Savoy Theatre on 10<sup>th</sup> October 1881, and completed an opening run of 578 performances. This was bettered only by *The Mikado's* opening run of 678, indicating how

highly the Victorian's thought of the piece.

Yet nowadays *Patience* tends to be well down the popularity scale of Gilbert & Sullivan operas. The music is good, and the satire however remains as relevant today as when the piece was first written – fashions and tastes may have changed but blindly following the latest trend or personality continues, possibly even more extremely, today. It is a fun show and we know that this production will demonstrate this.

Our last show – *Princess Ida* - was very successful and resulted in Emily Kirby-Ashmore being awarded NODA's best female performer in G&S category in this district. For *Patience* we welcome Leon Berger in the role of Bunthorne, and welcome back Ian Henderson (last year's Arac in *Princess Ida*) as the other poet Grosvenor.

Fraser Grant again directs and we are pleased to welcome Jacky Wong as Musical Director. For Jacky this is his introduction to the world of Gilbert & Sullivan opera and we wish him well.

As always the production credits in the programme are extensive and we are extremely appreciative of the work undertaken by everyone supporting those on stage.

Taking its name from Julian Avenue in Acton, the Society has provided a platform for light opera in Ealing since 1948. New members are always welcome – in all voice ranges. Previous experience is not required. We appreciate the support of our Sponsors and of those who attend our shows regularly - **if you are not on our mailing list, and wish to join this, or become a Sponsor, give your name with email address to a steward**.

We have a very good web-site - look us up at: <u>www.julianoperatic.org</u> for further information about the society or contact the Secretary, Debbie Edwards, on 0844 880 1852.

I hope you enjoy the performance.

Edwin Owen Chairman

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# THE SONGS

#### Overture

#### ACT ONE

#### ACT TWO

Chorus of Maidens – "On such eyes as maidens cherish" Ladies Chorus
Recit. & Song – "Sad is that woman's lot"Jane
Chorus of Maidens – "Turn, oh turn in this direction" Ladies Chorus
Song & Chorus – "A magnet hung in a hardware shop"Grosvenor & L. C.
Song – "Love is a plaintive song" Patience
Duet – "So go to him and say to him"Jane & Bunthorne
Trio – "It's clear that mediaeval art"Duke, Major & Colonel
Quintet – "If Saphir I choose to marry" Angela, Saphir, Duke, Major & Colonel
Duet – "When I go out of door" Bunthorne & Grosvenor
Song & Chorus – "I'm a Waterloo House young man" Grosvenor & L. C.
Finale – "After much debate internal"The Company

# THE PLOT

Patience satirises the English aesthetic movement of the 1870s and 1880s (Art for Art's sake – valuing beauty over all other, more practical, concerns). The opera pokes fun at fads, superficiality, vanity, hypocrisy and pretentiousness. It also mocks romantic love, rural simplicity and military bluster.

#### Act One

A group of wealthy 'lovesick maidens', led by Lady Angela, Lady Saphir and Lady Ella, bewail their love for the aesthetic poet Bunthorne. But Lady Jane tells them he only has eyes for Patience, the village milk-maid. Patience says she has never loved anyone, and can't see why love makes the ladies so unhappy.

A group of dragoon guards, the ladies' former sweethearts, appear, led by Colonel Calverley, Major Murgatroyd, and Lieutenant the Duke of Dunstable. To their horror, the ladies turn up their noses at them - and even disparage their uniforms.

Bunthorne confesses that his aestheticism is a pose, because he enjoys their heroworship. Patience tells him she doesn't love him, but then is made to feel guilty by Lady Angela, who tells her that true love is the only perfect emotion in a selfish world.

Patience then meets her childhood friend Grosvenor, another poet. They realise that Patience can't love him, because he's 'perfect', so her love wouldn't be appropriately unselfish.

Now Patience has rejected him, Bunthorne has decided to raffle himself off to his lady followers for charity. But Patience interrupts, saying she'll marry him after all, as a truly unselfish act. The ladies return to their dragoons... until Grosvenor enters, and the ladies immediately fall in love with him instead.

Lady Jane is the only maiden who stays true to Bunthorne.

#### Act Two

Grosvenor tries to escape the admiring maidens. The dragoons, meanwhile, try to turn themselves into aesthetes, which rather impresses the ladies.

Patience confesses to Bunthorne that she really loves Grosvenor, which enrages him. He confronts his rival, and bullies him into becoming 'ordinary'. But Bunthorne, all ready to be idolised again, is disappointed when the ladies decide to turn 'matterof-fact' too.

Patience realises that Grosvenor is now no longer 'perfect', so she can marry him without being selfish, and the ladies return to the dragoons.

Bunthorne is left with only the flowers that he pretended to love at the start.

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# THE MALE CHORUS



### Words by W.S. Gilbert



## **Music by Arthur Sullivan**

# DRAMATIS PERSONAE

(Officers of Dragoon Guards)

Colonel Calverley Major Murgatroyd Lieut. The Duke of Dunstable Reginald Bunthorne (a Fleshly Poet) Archibald Grosvenor (an Idyllic Poet) Mr Bunthorne's Solicitor

The Lady Angela The Lady Saphir The Lady Ella The Lady Jane Patience (a Dairy Maid)

(Rapturous Maidens)

Peter Edwards Philip Lewis Russell Fleet Leon Berger Ian Henderson Edwin Owen

Sunita Dugal Cheryl Chisnall Cora Hardy Debbie Edwards Zena Wigram

Chorus of Rapturous Maidens and Officers of Dragoon Guards

SETTING

ACTS 1 & 2 - THE GROUNDS OF CASTLE BUNTHORNE

There will be a a 20 min. interval between acts 1 & 2. The show runs for about 2 hours 25 mins including the interval

# Biographies



#### Peter Edwards - Colonel Calverley

Peter, when cast as the Colonel and knowing this show has a particular dairy theme, looked up 'Colonel and Milk' on the web and found this - a recipe for a milkshake, "The Colonel Parker", comprising Bourbon, ice cream and peanut butter. He's looking forward to trying this at home, and also wondering whether this drink is suitable for Colonel Calverley. Well it contains dairy so it must be, and it's "whey" time he tried it!

#### Philip Lewis - Major Murgatroyd

I am very much looking forward to having some fun with the role of Major Murgatroyd. The Major considers the affection of the ladies as his by right, and is completely convinced that the romance of their uniform, and the consummate masculinity of the dragoons will sweep all before it. The arrival of long haired poets turns his world upside down, he is ill equipped to cope, and misery and bewilderment follows! Will the efforts of he and his fellow officers to be enough to win them back...





#### **Russell Fleet - Lieut. The Duke of Dunstable**

Patience marks Russell's fourth outing with JLOS, following his turns as Strephon (*lolanthe*, 2010), Marco (*The Gondoliers*, 2012) and Achilles (*La Belle Helene*, 2013). He is often found at The Questors Theatre acting, directing, stage managing or designing sound, and welcomes the opportunities afforded by JLOS to stretch his singing muscles in something other than a Sondheim.

#### Leon Berger - Reginald Bunthorne

Leon has taken major roles with the Royal Opera House, English National Opera, Welsh National Opera, Scottish Opera, New Sadler's Wells Opera and scores of small-scale touring companies. He is particularly well-known for G&S as a performer and a director, having sung roles in all 14 operas professionally with companies such as The Magic of D'Oyly Carte and at the Buxton & Harrogate Festivals. His recordings include cast albums of *The Merry Widow, Pacific Overtures,* Gilbert's *His Excellency* and *Bab Ballads,* Sullivan's *Cox & Box* and *The Masque at Kenilworth* and two solo albums of the songs of George Grossmith, whom he has also portrayed on BBC2. Future projects include singing King Paramount in a new recording of *Utopia Ltd.* 



# Biographies



#### Ian Henderson - Archibald Grosvenor

Ian has been performing for over 30 years, and has played in countless productions, ranging from musicals such as *South Pacific* and *My Fair Lady*, to grand operas like *Don Carlos* and *Turandot*. He directs and performs regularly at The International G&S Festival, and has won the prestigious Donald Adams Award for 'Best Male Voice' a record three times. Favourite roles include Papageno and Sarastro (*The Magic Flute*), Count Tomsky and Prince Yeletsky (*The Queen of Spades*), Zaccaria (*Nabucco*) and Sparafucile (*Rigoletto*) - which he sang

again in February 2017, in Bracknell. He has played almost all of the bass and baritone roles in the entire G&S canon.

#### Edwin Owen - Mr Bunthorne's Solicitor

Coming on for his 60<sup>th</sup> production with the Julian, as Bunthorne's solicitor the singing requirement is satisfactorily zilch, but he is pleased to ensure that the law is the true embodiment of everything that is excellent and that Bunthorne's actions are strictly compliant with current regulations.





#### Sunita Dugal - The Lady Angela

Sunita thinks this is her 14th show with the Julian, but has stopped counting really!

Last year she had great fun as Melissa in *Princess Ida* and the year before as Ruth in *The Pirates of Penzance*. This year is she is enjoying the part of Lady Angela and performing in *Patience* for the second time having been in the chorus for her very first show with the Julian! Dairy fact: my favourite cheese is Colston Bassett Stilton.

#### **Cheryl Chisnall - The Lady Saphir**

Cheryl joined the Julian in 1980 to sing the title role in *Princess Ida* and has now lost count of the number of shows she has done (in the old days some years had two shows!). She has done *Patience* several times, either as Lady Saphir or Lady Ella and has sung the part of Patience in concert with the Music For A While company, based in Osterley. However, every production is different and she thinks this is the best one yet!



Cheryl has now retired from teaching but is one of the Churchwardens at her parish church which is very time consuming. No rest for the weary there then!

# Biographies



#### Cora Hardy - The Lady Ella

This is Cora's second show for JLOS having thoroghly enjoyed being in the chorus of Princess Ida last year. A graduate of Cambridge University and now working for a top firm of solicitors in London, Cora is delighted to have been given the part of Ella in this year's show. Combining work and taking part in a show is sometimes "whey" too difficult, but having a lot of "bottle", she is giving it a go!

#### Debbie Edwards - The Lady Jane

Oh - a lady two years running, or maybe not, as when playing Lady Blanche in JLOS's *Princess Ida* last year, she was in a rather rickety bath chair until the curtain call. This year Debbie is doing the milk bottle equivalent of recycling by returning to the part of Lady Jane. It's the first time she's come back to a role and it's great fun. Debbie's milk preference is full fat - fleshly, like her love for a fleshy poet.





#### Zena Wigram - Patience

Zena trained at the South African Cow-lege of Moosic and (on a scholarship) Hertfordshire Theatre School, where she gained the LLAM (LAMDA) Gold medal with distinction. Having left singing professionally, she now works as a marketing manager; butter udder part-time jobs include being a member of the cast of Grims Dyke Opera, directing and MD-ing local shows, teaching singing, and being a NODA rep.

She's been herd in roles including Despina in Cow-si Fan Tutte,

Michaela in *Cow-men*, Eliza in *Moo Fair Lady*, Moo-sinah in *Kismet*, Nanetta in *Fals-calf*, Cow-rubino in *The Moo-riage of Figaro*, First Lady in *The Moo-gic Flute*, Yum Yum in *The Milk-ado*, Moo-bel in *The Pirates of Penzance*, and Moo-rian in *The Moo-sic Man*.

#### Harry Somers - Assistant M.D.

Harry is a London based composer and conductor. He is currently a final year student at the London College of Music where he reads composition and also studies conducting. Harry has performed all over Europe and has performed for both British Aristocracy and Members of Parliament. Harry has also just recently received the prestigious National Musicians Company Silver Medal award for his services to music.



# Biographies



#### Fraser Grant - Director

Fraser Grant studied French at Edinburgh University, and then went on to train as a director at Drama Studio, London. He has a very busy freelance directing career, working mainly in Opera. He is also Head of Drama at Harvington Prep. School in Ealing, and was Head of Drama at the LCM Junior College from 1998-2012. As a Theatre Director he has directed many productions including A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Tempest, Abigail's Party, The Wanderer, Broken Glass, The Importance of Being Earnest and The Threepenny Opera. He directed the Scottish premiere of Sondheim's Into The Woods and has won several

awards for Best Production on the Edinburgh Fringe. He has also worked extensively in Italy where he has directed touring productions of *A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Tempest, Twist and Shout, The Beatles' Story, Jekyll and Hyde, Romeo and Juliet, A Christmas Carol, The Blues Brothers, Comedy of Errors and Hamlet. As a lyricist, he has written many songs for the cabaret duo OperaTottie, and has translated The Magic Flute, Cosi Fan Tutte, La Cenerentola, Fidelio, La Boheme, Die Fledermaus, Orpheus in the Underworld and La Belle Hélène. He is now almost exclusively a director of Opera and has directed most of the operas in the popular canon. Future directing projects include Eugene Onegin next Easter. This is his 20th production for JLOS.* 



#### Jacky Wong - Musical Director

Jacky Wong began his piano studies at the age of five and violin studies at the age of eight. Jacky graduated at the Royal Academy of Music with a first class honours bachelor degree in Violin Performance and he is now studying at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama on the Opera Repetiteur course with a full scholarship. Jacky is currently the resident music scholar of the Robert Anderson Research Charitable Trust. He is the artistic director and conductor of Hornton Chamber Orchestra, an ensemble he founded in 2015 with students from London conservatoires.

Most notable achievements include third prize winner in the International Concerto Competition – debut at the Berlin Philharmonic Hall conducting category and gave his Berlin debut with Eurasia Chamber Orchestra at the French Cathedral. He is also the third prize winner of the Pancho Vladigerov International Violin Competition. Jacky has also taken part in the Chipping Campden International Music Festival for two consecutive years, and performs with the London Symphony Orchestra Academy in Germany.

# **PRODUCTION CREDITS**

DIRECTOR Fraser Grant MUSICAL DIRECTOR Jacky Wong

#### CHORUS MASTER & REPETITEUR Jan Cunningham

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The Band

## FORTHCOMING PRODUCTIONS

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# "Nautical Niceties"

In April 2017 - An informal musical entertainment including buffet supper in aid of Society funds

and

# **Die Fledermaus**

by Johann Strauss, (libretto by Fraser Grant)

during Autumn 2017

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