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# Trouper Trumpet

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"Loudly let the trumpet bray" - Iolanthe

## Mark Your Calendar



**Move In:**  
Monday, April 7

**Show Dates:** April 11, 12, 13  
(matinee), 18 and 19

**Set Strike:** April 19 post  
performance & April 20

## Please Take Note

**Anne Wachsman**, our Stage Manager will be on vacation from February 4<sup>th</sup> thru March 6<sup>th</sup>. In the event of a late arrival to rehearsal, please contact **Guy Stretton** at 203.637.5845 if after 5pm.

**Michelle McNaughton** is the new editor of the Trouper Trumpet.

## New Cast Members and Role Changes!

We are pleased to announce that the role of (*Richard Dauntless*) will be played by **Todd Span**, the role of (*Rose Maybud*) will now be played by **Michelle McNaughton**, and the role of (*Zorah*) will be played by **Emma Fyffe**.

In addition, please welcome new cast member **David Olsen** in the Men's Chorus and **Lisa Antrum** in the Women's Chorus.

## Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Fred Scharmer!



Troupers Light Opera Company is delighted to wish Fred Scharmer – Founding Member of Troupers Light Opera Company a happy and healthy 90th birthday!

As many of you know, Fred and his late wife Ida founded Troupers in 1945. Since then, Fred has been a dedicated member both on the stage and off.

He has a magnificent baritone voice and has appeared in numerous Troupers productions. To mention a few, he played (King Gama) in *Princess Ida* in both 1960 and 1970. In addition, he also appeared in *Pirates of Penzance*, *The Gondoliers*, *Yeoman of the Guard*, *Trial by Jury*, *Ruddigore* and *Patience*.

Although Fred no longer sings with the Company, he has continued working hard devoting his time creating props, building sets, and sharing his vast knowledge of Gilbert and Sullivan with the generations of members that have had the pleasure of knowing him.

## Fellow Troupers Hit Other Stages!

St Catherine's Players Presents "**Fiddler on the Roof**". Featuring Troupers Board President, **Wendy Falconer** in the women's chorus and Vice President, **Jim Cooper** as (*Avram, the Bookseller*). Performances are Feb 28, Mar 1,7,8 at 8pm and March 2,9 at 2pm at Saint Catherine's church in Riverside, CT. Tickets are \$12 and can be ordered by calling 203.661.2942.

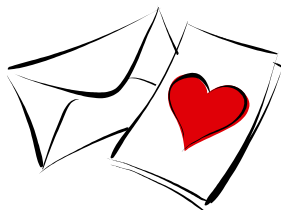
## Fellow Troupers Hit Other Stages (continued...)!

**Bobbie Herman** has just been cast as (*Berthe*) in Act 2's production of "**Pippin**". Act 2 is a small theater on the grounds of Albertus Magnus College in New Haven. The show opens Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and will run through March 8<sup>th</sup>. Performances are on Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm. Tickets are \$12 for General Admission and \$10 for Students and Seniors, and can be ordered in advance by calling 203.773.8584.

Life Member, **David Schancupp** will be playing the roles of (*The Judge*) in "**Trial by Jury**", as well as (*Sir Marmaduke*) in "**Sorcerer**". Performances are March 29, April 5 & 12 at 8pm, and April 6 & 12 at 2:15pm at Simsbury High School. On March 30, there is a "family" matinee with only "**Sorcerer**". Tickets can be reserved by calling (860)521-8076, or through their web site ([www.sloco.org](http://www.sloco.org)).

## Help Wanted Behind the Scenes

We need your help in finding a volunteer for the Assistant Stage Manager position that is still available. If you know someone that might be interested, please call Wendy Falconer, our president, at 203.462.5764 or email her at [wendy.falconer@ElizabethArden.com](mailto:wendy.falconer@ElizabethArden.com).



## Assistant Stage Manager

Assists the Stage Manager during production week, April 6 - 10, and during performances April 11, 12, 13 & April 18, 19 as follows:

- Assisting with installation of sets and lights; helps with set changes.
- Makes sure that there are sufficient personnel for the set changes.
- During performances, cues conductor, calls actors for entrances as required, handles curtain on cue and provides back-up to stage manager for lighting cues if necessary.

Assists with strike April 19 & 20.



## Volunteers Needed

We are always in need of volunteers to help out **Bill Simons, Tom Bier, Carl Mezoff** and the team down at Market Street building and painting sets - every Saturday from now until show time!

If you need directions, they can be found on the website or you can ask a board member.

Send news to **Michelle McNaughton** at [Emma\\_Riley@yahoo.com](mailto:Emma_Riley@yahoo.com) or to the address at the left. Deadline for February Trumpet is February 10<sup>th</sup>. And don't forget—The Trumpet and many other features about Gilbert and Sullivan are available on our web site: [www.trouperlightopera.org](http://www.trouperlightopera.org)

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