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Trouper Trumpet

July 2003

"Loudly let the trumpet bray" - Iolanthe

Mark Your Calendar



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Picnic: **Diana Gladden** and **Richard Huie** have invited all past and present

Troupers to a "Bring your own picnic" family gathering on the sound in Branford, CT. The date is Saturday, **July 19th at 1pm**, Rain date is Sunday, July 20th, in which case it will be rain or shine. If you have not yet received the announcement and/or need directions, phone Diana at 203.481.3285. Hope to see you all there!

Annual Meeting: Sunday, August 17th at 4pm

T-Shirts Still Available!

To purchase a t-shirt from Ruddigore or a number of other past shows, contact Barbara Stretton at b.stretton@worldnet.att.net. Shirts are \$10 each.

Troupers' Annual Meeting August 17th

The annual meeting and summer pot luck of Troupers Light Opera will be held on **Sunday, August 17th beginning at 4:00pm**. The place: **Dick and Anne Byrnes** (who hosted our cast party at their lovely home) 1480 Ponus Ridge Road, New Canaan. We will follow the Troupers' tradition--bring a picnic dinner, blankets and chairs. The board will supply sodas and other soft drinks, but bring your own wine, beer, etc. A grill will be available.

The business meeting will begin at 6:00. At the business meeting we will be voting on next year's proposed show, *The Mikado*, and on any changes in the officers and board of directors, as well as other business. This is a great time to bring friends and prospective members of the Troupers family.

Directions: From either direction: Take the Merritt Parkway, Exit 36. Turn onto Route 106. (right if coming from the east, left if coming from the west), Then take the next left, Jelliff Mill Rd. Take Jelliff to a T junction and turn right onto **Ponus Ridge**. Stay on Ponus Ridge until you come to #1480 on the left. (It's about 2 1/2 miles). You'll pass Wahackme and on the right, Cascade on the left, then Greenley on the right. Keep going until you see a blue metal sculpture in the yard, cars, and #1480. If coming from Stamford, you might elect to just go on Rt. 106, then follow the directions from there. Park in the drive, behind the house, or on the road.

Fellow Troupers Hit Other Stages!

Several Troupers will be performing in "**H.M.S. Pinafore**" at Musicals at Richter in Danbury, CT. **Jim Cooper** has been cast as *Boatswain*, **Wendy Falconer** will be playing *Cousin Hebe* and **Dexter Anderson** will perform in the Chorus*. Show dates are the first three weekends in August. (Friday, Saturday and Sunday performances at 8:30pm.) Performances are cancelled in the event of rain. Richter is an outdoor theater and the stage is not covered. Bring your own blanket/chair/picnic dinner, as seating is on the grass. For more information, phone (203) 748-MUSE(6873) or you can visit their website at <http://www.musicalsatrichter.org>

*Please note that the company is still in search of more choristers.

The "**Miracle of Fatima**" will be going on all summer and early fall. Performers include: **David Olsen**, **Ken Hedden** and **Bill Lamoureux**. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.fatimamusical.net/schedule.htm>

Several Troupers recently performed with the "What the Dickens Caroliers" at a Victorian Picnic at the Lockwood-Matthews Mansion in Norwalk, CT on Sunday, July 13th. For more information about the ensemble, contact Tom Zimmerman at tomzkat@optonline.net

Fellow Troupers Hit Other Stages (continued...)

Bobbie Herman will be appearing in the SavoyNet production of "Utopia, Ltd." At the International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival in Buxton, England. The show opens and closes on Tuesday, August 5th. For more information visit their website at <http://www.gs-festival.co.uk/>

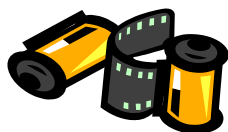
Great News!

We have booked the dates for next years production, and we will not perform on Easter weekend!

Show Dates Are:

Friday, March 19th at 8pm
Saturday, March 20th at 8pm
Sunday, March 21st at 2:30pm
Friday, March 26th at 8pm
Saturday, March 27th at 8pm

We will propose and choose the show at the Annual Meeting on August 17th.



Ruddigore Photos!

View and order Ruddigore photos on our website at www.TroupersLightOpera.org. All photos can be ordered as 5x7 for \$2 each or 8x10 for \$3 each. Send the numbers of the photos and your check to Jim Cooper, 48 Old Driftway, Wilton, CT 06897.

2003 – 2004 Board Positions Available

Troupers may have positions available on our board of directors. If you are interested in finding out more information, contact Wendy Falconer our president, at 203-462-5764 or email her at wendy.falconer@ElizabethArden.com

Directors Notes...



Chris Hisey has officially signed on-board for the 2003 – 2004 Season as Music Director!

We are still in search of a Stage Director. The board is currently interviewing candidates to fill this position.

Send news to **Michelle McNaughton** at Emma_Riley@yahoo.com or to the address at the left. Deadline for August Trumpet is July 31st. And don't forget—The Trumpet and many other features about Gilbert and Sullivan are available on our web site: www.trouperlightopera.org

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