



The Newsletter of Troupers Light Opera Company.  
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# Trouper *Trumpet*

November, 2003

“Loudly let the trumpet bray” – Iolanthe

## Mark Your Calendar



### Rehearsals

begin: Mon.  
day,

January 5, 2004

### Troupers' Christmas Party:

Saturday, Dec. 13 at Jim  
Cooper's.

**Show dates:** March 19, 20, 21,  
26, 27, 2004. The show will be at  
**New Canaan High School** this  
year.

## Dues Are Due

For the first time in many  
years, Troupers Board has voted  
to raise the dues. Dues are \$35 a  
person and \$45 a family. Send  
your check to our treasurer **Guy  
Stretton** at 62 North Ridge  
Road, Old Greenwich 06870.

If you are no longer an active  
member, but would like to  
receive the mailing, you may pay  
the individual dues rate.

Of course, you can also keep  
up to date with Troupers  
activities, including *The  
Trumpet* from the web.

## Troupers Fund Drive Gets Underway

Our annual fund drive got underway with letters sent out in early  
November. If you haven't yet contributed, send your tax deductible a check  
to P. O. Box 859, Darien, CT 06820-0859.

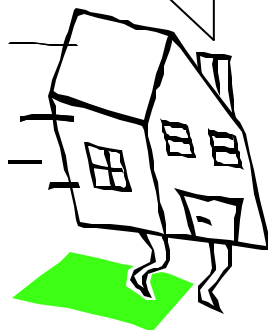
## Todd Spann Joins Cast

Last year's Richard Dauntless, **Todd Spann**, has joined *The Mikado* cast in  
the role of Nanki Poo. Welcome back, Todd!

## Life Members Honored at Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting held at the lovely home of **Dick and Anne  
Byrnes**, two long-time Troupers, **Diana Gladden** and **Guy Stretton**  
were honored with life membership. In the next issue of the *Trumpet*,  
we'll "trumpet" their accomplishments as inspiration to all hardworking  
Troupers.

Help!



## Market Street Needs You!

**Bill Simons**, master carpenter, tells us  
that our set-building facility at Market  
Street in Stamford is in desperate straits  
and help is needed over the next two or  
three weekends. We have to move out  
of the right hand side of our set  
warehouse where props are stored and  
many other activities go on. This means  
new shelves have to be built and props  
and all the power tools need to be moved to new space in the back of  
the warehouse facility. **Bill**, who will be coordinating this, will be there  
over the next two or three weekends building the shelves and moving  
everything. If you can spare the time, call **Bill** at 203-324-7742 to  
make sure when he will be there, but it will most likely be from 10-3.  
Directions to Market Street are on our web site.

## **Troupers in the Spotlight**

**Leslie (Loosemore) Lancaster** tells us that her son **Andrew** recently appeared in Rockville, Maryland, as a "Peer" in The Victorian Lyric Opera Company's production of "Iolanthe" He also sang the role of "Edwin" in "Trial By Jury" as part of VLOC's "Third Great Gilbert & Sullivan Sing-Out" in Rockville as part of the company's 25th Anniversary Celebration. **Wendy** Falconer sang Kate in Pirates at this singout. When Andrew's parents **Leslie** and **Michael** were active with Troupers from 1967-1988, he appeared on stage, played in the orchestra, helped out as runner and assistant stage manager. Leslie would love to hear from Troupers. Her address and phone number are: Philip & Lesley Lancaster, 6 Hampton Gardens, Pointe Claire QC, H9S 5B8, CANADA (514) 695 8866

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**Barbara Stretton** has co-authored a book with her violin teacher **Sal Princiotti** called, *The Heart of the Music: A Master Teacher Shares a Lifetime of Wisdom about the Art of Teaching and Learning to Play Stringed Instruments*. (Treas, 2003), \$15.

Many Troupers are featured in the American Chamber Orchestra and Chorus's Christmas concert on Saturday, December 6 at 7:30 PM at Playhouse on the Green, 177 State Street, Bridgeport. Included are selections from Handel's Messiah, "Duo Sonata for Trumpets by Jacchini (featuring **Carl Serbell**) and Concerto in G. Major for Viola by Telemann, all directed by **Chris Hisey**. Other Troupers involved are: Orchestra: **Kate Altman**, Concert Master, **Lori Marden**, **Polly Jimenez**, **Anne Seymour**, **Peter Schuerch**, **Nancy Struve**, **Peter Schuerch**, **Peggy Hartman**, **Jean Bradley**, **Pamela Pollak**, **Jane Whitmore**, **Tony Marra**, and **Ray Weber** and in the chorus, **Vicki Cooper**, **Jim Cooper**, and **Wendy Falconer**. For tickets and information, call 203-345-4800 ext. 150.

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**John Matilaine** is Col. Pickering and **Maureen O'Connell** is the maid in Curtain Call's *My Fair Lady* Call 203-3461-6358, ext. 13 for tickets. (Mention **John** and **Maureen**, and get 10% off.) The show opens Friday, Nov. 21 and runs through Dec. 14. The Web site is <http://www.curtaincallinc.com/>

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