



The Newsletter of Troupers Light Opera Company
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Trouper *Trumpet*

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"Loudly let the trumpet bray" – Iolanthe

Mark Your Calendar



Cast Call

The cast and friends of Troupers are

invited on **Monday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m.** to meet the directors and pick up the schedule, tapes, and a packet of information.

The cast call will be at First Congregational Church where the auditions and rehearsals take place.

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

Cast for *The Mikado* Chosen

Auditions for *The Mikado* went extremely well and we welcome veteran and new members to the Troupers fold. The principal roles are:

Mikado.....**Tom Zimmerman**

Pish Tush...**David Olsen**

Katisha.....**Linda Palmer**

Pooh Bah... **John Matilaine**

Yum Yum...**Mary Petro**

Nanki Poo....Not yet cast

Koko..... **Craig Schreiber**

Pitti Sing **Wendy Falconer**

Peep Bo.....**Emily Skala Hull**

Chorus **Holly Adams, Carey Bates, Emma Fyffe, Diana Gladden, Heather Handley, Silloo Madan, Maureen O'Connell, Jennifer Olsen, Judy Raines, Christina Richardson, Ruthann Ring, Rachel Schulte, Joan Stietzel, Joyce Veishlow, Dexter Anderson, Bill Abbott, Girard Caro, Jim Cooper, Richard Huie, Bill Lamoureux, Marc Packer, Israel Rodriquez, Jeff Schuh, Charles Shelley, Guy Stretton, and Bernie Warmflash**

Meet the Directors

Jennifer Sherron Stock, Stage Director, comes to the Troupers Light Opera with a a diverse background in theatre. She directed *Sweeney Todd* for Trenton State College, *Pirates of Penzance* for Cortland Repertory Theatre, *Working* for Fairfield University, *Little Shop of Horrors* for Central Michigan University and the Enchanted Hills Playhouse and several productions of *Nunsense I and II*. She spent the summer of 2003 in California directing two productions of *Les Miz: The School Edition* with the Dublin Theatre Company. In spring of 2003, she directed *Oliver* for the Roche Players

and *Crimes of the Heart* for Lochen Arts Camp and Central Michigan University. She currently teaches drama at City College and John Jay College for Criminal Justice. Jennifer is pleased to bring her creative talents to Troupers this season.

Ralph Zeitlin, Musical Director, has been conducting opera for over 40 years. He is currently conductor of Chorus 802, and was for some years the music director and conductor for the Nutmeg Opera in

Danbury. He is also a well-known recorder soloist and French horn player.

Troupers in the Spotlight

by **Tom Zimmerman**

Bobbie Herman will portray Mme. Armfeldt (Babette d'Yveine) in *A Little Night Music* at the First Congregational Church in Old Greenwich on November 7, 8, 14 15 at 8:00 p.m. and November 9 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students under 18. For further information, call 203-325-8543. There will also be a performance at the Darien Arts Center, 2 Renshaw Road (just behind Town Hall), on Saturday, November 29.

Christina Richardson, Fred Scharmer, Karen McCormick, Michelle Spray and Frank Sisson were featured in *Follies* at the Darien Arts Center on Oct 3, 4, 10, and 11. All performances were sold out.

Maureen O'Connell will be playing the maid and **John Matilaine** is Pickering in Curtain Call's *My Fair Lady*. Performances are Nov. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, Dec. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14. Friday and Sat eve performances are at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$20; Senior: \$13; Student: \$10. Call: 203-461-6358

Get Involved!

At the October 20th cast call, all Troupers will receive a packet of information on how to get involved in all aspects of Troupers. This includes:

- * **Ticket sales:** Start thinking now about who you can invite to the show. The brochures will be available early in 2004. It costs about \$60 to put a performer on stage so every Trouper needs to sell at least 10 tickets. You'll receive a "Ask Me What Troupers is Doing Next" button. This is a great way to talk up the show!
- * **Ad sales:** Ads pay for the program and enough ads can pay for a lot more besides. In your packet, you'll find copies of the ad sales sheet to take to merchants. It's not too early! There is also a copy of last year's program to show them how their ad will look. Our ads are excellent value. Those buying ads will receive complimentary tickets—a good way to introduce new people to the audience.
- * **Corporate Grants:** Talk to people at your company about a matching grant to Troupers. You'll find a sample letter in your packet.
- * **Publicity:** Don't let Troupers be the best kept secret in Fairfield County. Be part of the team working to get the word out!
- * **Set Building and Painting:** As soon as **Carl Mezoff** finishes the set design, **Bill Simons** will be assembling his team at Market Street to make it happen. All levels of skill welcome! Watch *The Trumpet* for news of when set building begins.

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