



# Trouper *Trumpet*

September, 2002

*“Loudly let the trumpet bray” – Iolanthe*

## 2002-03 Board Affirmed

At the annual meeting, members unanimously voted in a new slate of officers and Board of Directors. In addition to the original slate, **Linda Palmer** was proposed and elected as a board member.

**President - Wendy Falconer**  
**Vice-President - Jim Cooper**  
**Secretary - Christina Richardson**  
**Treasurer - Guy Stretton**

### Directors:

**Tom Bier**  
**Diana Gladden**  
**Silloo Madan**  
**Michelle McNaughton**  
**Vangie Michell**  
**Maureen O'Connell**  
**Linda Palmer**  
**Bill Simons**  
**Barbara Stretton**  
**Anne Wachsmann**  
**Tom Zimmerman.**

Remember, every Trouper should be involved this year. In the next *Trumpet*, we'll give you the committees and the board member heading them.

## Ruddigore Approved, Auditions Set

At the annual meeting, members voted to perform *Ruddigore* this spring. Show dates are tentatively set for April 11, 12, 13 (matinee), 18, and 19, 2003, awaiting approval from Saxe Middle School.

Auditions will be held on Monday September 30 and Wednesday October 2, 2002 at First Congregational Church, Old Greenwich, from 7 - 10 PM. All parts are open.

Lead roles include Sir Ruthven Murgatroyd (Robin Oakapple), light baritone; Richard Dauntless (Robin's foster brother), tenor; Sir Despard Murgatroyd (a wicked baronet), baritone; Old Adam Goodheart (Robin's servant), bass; Rose Maybud (a village maiden), soprano; Mad Margaret, mezzo; Dame Hannah (Rose's aunt), mezzo; Zorah (professional bridesmaid), 2nd soprano; Sir Roderic Murgatroyd, bass-baritone. Speaking parts are Ruth (professional bridesmaid), 1st ghost, 2nd ghost, 3rd ghost, 4th ghost.

We also need chorus members, so if you know of anyone who might like to join or rejoin Troupers, spread the word. You can get an auditions flyer from our website or call 203-762-9285.

The production will be directed by **Gayden Wren** with music direction by **Christopher James Hisey**. Both directors will be present to conduct the auditions. (See back for bios of our two new directors).

Auditions will be conducted in pairs every 15 minutes. You may schedule an appointment, or simply come and wait for the next open time. You should bring a verse of a song in English to sing, and should be prepared to read some dialogue (not from the show) and do some simple sight reading. Please wear comfortable shoes. To make an appointment, contact **Jim Cooper** at jim@labsoftware.com or call 203-762-9285.

**Directions** From I-95, North or South: Take Exit 5, stay in Right lane (Riverside, Old Greenwich). At end of ramp, turn **right** onto U.S. 1 (East Putnam Avenue). Stay in right lane At first light, turn **right** onto Sound Beach Avenue. Follow Sound Beach Avenue until you pass a rotary. Perrot Library on left, Binney Park on right. Bear right around rotary. Immediately after rotary, take the first left onto Forest Avenue. The church is a large gray stone building on the right. Take the first driveway on the right into the church parking lot.

**Mark Your Calendar**



**Auditions**,  
 Mon. Sept. 30  
 and Wed. Oct.  
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**Show dates**: April 11, 12, 13  
 (matinee), 18, and 19, 2003

**Cast Meeting**: Save the Date  
 Saturday, October 26 for a  
 meeting of all cast members.

**Stuffing Party** : Come join the  
 board at the **Strettons** to help  
 mail out our fund-raising appeals,  
 Sat. and/or Sun. Nov. 2 & 3. Call  
 203-637-5845 for information

**Christmas Party** We are  
 scheduling a Christmas party this  
 year. Date is Dec. 7. Place to be  
 announced

**Rehearsals begin**: Monday,  
 January 6, 2003

**Troupers in the News**

**Joan Carlo**, husband **John**  
 and daughter **Mary Cate**  
 welcomed with love their new little  
 firecracker, **Grace Anne**. Born  
 Thursday, July 4th 2002..

**Meet the New Directors**

**Gayden Wren** of Steinway, NY has been appointed artistic director and  
 Christopher J. Hisey of Bridgeport, CT has been appointed Musical Director  
 for the 2003 production of *Ruddigore*.

Mr. Wren is not only an accomplished director, especially of G&S, he is an  
 author and playwright. His book, *A Most Ingenious Paradox: The Art of  
 Gilbert & Sullivan* was published by Oxford University Press this spring. He is  
 also the author of the plays *Very Truly Yours, Gilbert and Sullivan; A Gilbert  
 and Sullivan Christmas Carol; and Ernest*. He has directed over fifty shows  
 and played nearly every G&S baritone role, and has directed nearly every G&S  
 show for the Light Opera Company of Long Island.

**Christopher James Hisey** has conducted throughout the United States  
 and in Eastern Europe. He made his international debut with the Ruse  
 Philharmonic Orchestra in Ruse, Bulgaria in January of 2001. Since then he has  
 returned to Bulgaria to conduct the Pleven Philharmonic Orchestra in January of  
 2002 and was immediately rebooked for March of 2002. He has also been  
 invited to conduct a festival of American music in Sofia, Bulgaria in November  
 of 2003.

Chris served as Music Director of the Perrysburg Symphony Chorale,  
 Associate Conductor of the Bowling Green Philharmonia and Opera Theatre  
 Orchestra. He has appeared as guest conductor with the Ohio District II Music  
 Festival, the Lexington String Festival, and the Fairfield County Chorale  
 Summer Sing Program. He is currently Professor of Conducting and Music  
 Director of the orchestra at Fairfield University, a conductor with the Bridgeport  
 Youth Symphony, and on the string faculties of Greens Farms Academy and the  
 Westport School of Music.

We extend a welcome to both our fine new directors and look forward to  
 a wonderful production.

Send news of Troupers to the address on the left or e-mail:

**b.stretton@worldnet.att.net**. Thanks! *Barbara Stretton*

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