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Gilbert & Sullivan Austin Presents Its Summer 2018 Grand Production

Ruddigore

A Frightful and Hilarious Topsy-Turvy Musical Delight!
Opening in Austin June 14 – 9 Performances

WHO: Gilbert & Sullivan Austin
WHAT: *Ruddigore*
WHEN: June 14-24 / Thursdays-Sundays / 9 Performances
Evening performances Thursdays, Fridays, & Saturdays at 7:30pm.
Matinees at 2pm June 17, 23 & 24.
Special Children's Activities Sunday, June 17 at 1pm.
WHERE: Worley Barton Theater at Brentwood Christian School / 11908 N. Lamar
TICKETS: Tickets \$8-\$27
Purchase tickets at www.gilbertsullivan.org or call 512.474.5664
For group sales of 10 or more contact Michael Meigs at 512.420.0888 or michael@gilbertsullivan.org

AUSTIN, TX – Gilbert & Sullivan Austin presents as its summer 2018 Grand Production “Ruddigore; or, The Witch’s Curse.” Nine performances will be performed at the Worley Barton Theater at Brentwood Christian School, June 14-24. “Ruddigore” will thrill Austin theatergoers of all ages who delight in spectacular music along with a frightful topsy-turvy story of a virtuous heroine, a dastardly villain, deadly curses, and menacing ghosts!

GSA Artistic Director Ralph MacPhail, Jr. returns for his 17th season. Jeffrey Jones-Ragona, returning for his 21st season as Music Director, will conduct the Gillman Light Opera Orchestra.

“Ruddigore” was the 10th collaboration between Gilbert and Sullivan, opening in London at the Savoy Theatre in 1887. Gilbert turns melodrama upside-down in his comical topsy-turvy fashion, with Sullivan’s melodious music perfectly suiting the frightful story.

All performances will have supertitles for dialogue and lyrics. A special Children’s Matinee is at 1pm on June 17, immediately prior to a 2pm matinee performance. Children will be invited to come on stage and meet the cast, crew, and orchestra along with other activities. A complimentary buffet with the cast follows the Friday, June 15 Gala Performance.

New this year, Artistic Director Ralph MacPhail, Jr. will give pre-performance talks before two performances. The audience will learn about the history, story, characters, music, and magic of “Ruddigore.” Pre-performance talks from 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 16 and Friday, June 22.

Gilbert & Sullivan Austin was founded in 1976 with the purpose of education by preserving and presenting the works of Gilbert & Sullivan. Known for its highly acclaimed annual grand productions from the G&S repertoire, the organization is also dedicated to spreading and teaching the joys of G&S through school and community presentations.

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