



**The Gilbert & Sullivan  
Society of Austin**

**presents**

# **Trial by Jury**

**Concert Performance  
Produced & Directed  
by Arthur DiBianca**

**Harris Bell Hall, Westminster Manor**

**Friday December 2 and  
Sunday December 11, 2005  
8:00 PM**

## Trial by Jury Notes

*Arthur DiBianca*

The works of Gilbert & Sullivan, though timeless in many ways, always include references to Victorian people, places, and institutions. A Londoner in 1875 would have known exactly what they meant, but an American in 2005 might not. Here are a few examples. Keep your ears open and try to catch them!

**Court of the Exchequer:** An English **common-law court**. It's not really the place for a breach of promise case, but Gilbert sometimes gave rhymes a higher priority (needless to say).

**Bailey and Middlesex Sessions:** Two **London courts**. Gilbert had been a lawyer himself, and had handled cases at the Middlesex Sessions.

**The Gurneys:** An English family of **bankers**.

**Camberwell and Peckham:** Two relatively **low-class London neighborhoods**. It would take real love to turn them into a "bower" and an "Arcadian vale."

**Concentrated otto:** A **perfume** made from rose petals. Not what you'd expect in Camberwell or Peckham.

**Watteau:** A **pastoral French painter**.

**Fob:** Probably a reference to the **fob pocket**, which usually contained a watch, but in this case maybe a coin or two.

## *The Company*

Plaintiff .....Meredith Groeschel  
Defendant..... **Holton Johnson**  
Usher .....**Sam Johnson**  
Counsel .....**Scott Hetrick**  
Judge .....**Arthur DiBianca**  
Foreman .....**Randall McIntyre**

### *Jury and Public*

**Stephanie Blackwood**

**Daniel Brookshire**

**Ann Coltman**

**Andy Fleming**

**William Jackson**

**Cecily Johnson**

**Sarah Wendtlandt**

Pianist..... **Brett Bachus**

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