

# *Gilbert & Sullivan Austin*



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## *Salon of the Roses: When Victoria Met Tudor Sunday, October 29, 2023 Dunstable Manor*

Lady Jane, Duchess of Dunstable, Hostess

### *Performers*

Madame Maimy Fong, *Pianist, Mistress of the Ivories*

Signora Lorella “Cannone” di Genova, *Violinist,  
Disciple of Paganini*

Lady Di, *Poetess and Celebrated Reader*

Mademoiselle Champagne LaBel, *soprano,  
La Toast de Paris*

Fräulein Wilhelmina Zibell, *mezzo,  
The Teutonic Songstress*

Signore Luciano Gatti Amore, *tenor, Maestro di Voci*

Mr. Geoffrey St. John-Smythe, *tenor,  
Choirmaster to St. Swithun’s of Dunstable*

# Order of Programme

*Flourish and Welcome* - Madame Fong and Lady Jane Dunstable

*O bid your faithful Ariel* . . . . . by Thomas Linley  
Master Geoffrey St. John-Smythe, singer

*Au bord de l'eau* . . . . . by Gabriel Fauré  
Mademoiselle Champagne LaBel, singer

*Ideale* . . . . . by Francesco Tosti  
Signore Luciano Gatti Amore, singer



## An Alpine Sojourn

*Gretchen am Spinnrade* ("Gretchen at the Spining Wheel")  
by Franz Schubert  
Fräulein Wilhelmina Zibell, singer

*An Sylvia* ("To Syliva") . . . . . by Schubert  
Sgnr. Gatti Amore

*Heidenröslein* ("Little rose on the Hedge") . . . . . by Schubert  
Mme Fong, pianist



## Love Pledged

*All is prepared!* (from "The Pirates of Penzance")  
by Dr. Sullivan and Mr. Gilbert  
Mselle LaBel and Sgnr Gatti Amor

*A Song without Words* . . . . . by Felix Mendelssohn  
Signora "La Cannone" di Genova, violin

*'Tis done, I am a bride* (from "The Yeomen of the Guard")  
by Sullivan and Gilbert  
Mselle LaBel



*The Interval* - please take refreshment and conversation

*Flourish and Return to Stage* - Mme Fong and Lady Jane

*A Melody* . . . . . by HRH Prince Albert  
Sra. "La Cannone" di Genova

*I have a song to sing-o* (from "Yeomen") . . . . . by Sullivan and Gilbert  
Mselle LaBel and Sgnr. Gatti Amore



**Adventures of our Animal Friends**

A recitation: *The Owl and the Pussycat* . . . . . by Edward Lear  
Lady Di, Poetic Reader

*La valse du petit chien* ("Little Dog's Waltz") . . . . . by Fredric Chopin  
Mme. Fong



*She never told her Love* . . . . . by Franz Josef Haydn  
Fräulein Zibell

*Is life a boon?* (from "Yeomen") . . . . . by Sullivan and Gilbert  
Sgnr Gatti Amore

*Presto* (from Sonata #1 in g-minor) . . . . . by J. S. Bach  
Sra. La Cannone di Genova



**Parting Thoughts**

*Now, o now, I needs must part* . . . . . by John Dowland  
Mr. St. John-Smythe

*Were I Thy Bride* (from "Yeomen") . . . . . by Sullivan and Gilbert  
Fräulein Zibell



*Fine dell'Opera*

## *Today's Cast (in order of appearance):*

**Maimy Fong** (*Madame Maimy Fong*) is an active pianist in Austin, subbing for ensembles such as the Austin Symphony and Austin Opera, as well as being the pianist for classical trio Triple Take.

**Janette Jones** (*Lady Jane*) loves performing with Gilbert & Sullivan Austin. Among her favorite rolls are Mad Margaret, Buttercup, The Duchess of Plaza Toro, and of course Lady Jane.

**Jeffrey Jones-Ragona** (*Gcoffrey St. John-Smythe*), director and vocalist, serves as Principal Conductor and Music Director for G&S Austin. He is an active performer in central Texas in concert, recital and opera.

**June Julian** (*Champagne LaBel*) has performed in and produced numerous Gilbert & Sullivan musicales, many of which were fun and zany collaborations with Dame Janette Jones, as well as with the ZACH Scott Theatre, and LOLA, among others.

**Holton Johnson** (*Luciano Gatti Amore*) has performed throughout the country, including Boston, San Diego, Los Angeles and Tucson. He won a B. Iden Payne award for Frederic in GSA's 2003 production of *The Pirates of Penzance*.

**Patricia Combs** (*Wilhelmina Zibell*) has sung frequently with GSA. She has also performed with Austin Opera, One Ounce Opera, and Inversion Ensemble. She has just joined Chorus Austin's Chamber Ensemble and Symphonic Chorus.

**Laurel Lawshae** (*Lorella "Cannone" di Genova*) is a freelance violinist based in Austin. She regularly plays with the Austin Symphony, West Texas Symphony (Midland) and the San Antonio Philharmonic. She is concertmaster of the Gillman Light Opera Orchestra for GSA.

**Diane Radin** (*Lady Di*) is President of Gilbert & Sullivan Austin.

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