

Gilbert & Sullivan's Iolanthe

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JAMES BAGWELL conductor

Emily Cuk '11 director

CONCERT TIMELINE

2 hours 45 min

Act I	Intermission	Act II
1 hr 25 min	20 min	1 hr

Cast

The Lord Chancellor	
George, Earl of Mountararat	Colton Cook VAP '24
Thomas, Earl Tolloller	
Private Willis, of the Grenadier Guards	Garrick Neuner '26
Strephon, an Arcadian Shepherd	Michael A.M. Aoun VAP '23
Queen of the Fairies	Melanie Dubil VAP '22
Iolanthe, a Fairy, Strephon's mother	Abbagael Greene VAP '24
Celia, a Fairy	
Leila, a Fairy	
Fleta, a Fairy	Sadie Spivey VAP '23
Phyllis, an Arcadian Shepherdess and Ward in Chancery	Maria Giovanetti VAP '23
Chorus of Dukes, Marquises, Earls, Viscounts,	
Barons, and Fairies	Abagael Cheng VAP '23
	Emily Finko VAD 124

Emily Finke VAP '24 Sungyeun Kim VAP '23

Francesca Lionetta VAP '23

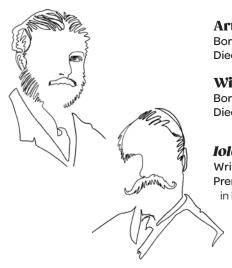
Taylor Mackenzie Adams VAP '24

Sarah Nalty VAP '24

Montana Smith VAP '23

Jun Mo Yang VAP '24

Bard Festival Chorale Bard College Chamber Singers



Arthur Sullivan

Born 5/13/1842 in Lambeth, London Died 11/22/1900 at age 58 in London

William Gilbert

Born 11/18/1836 in London **Died** 5/29/1911 at age 74 in Harrow, London

Iolanthe

Written 1882
Premiered 11/25/1882 at the Savoy Theatre in London

ACTI

Overture

Tripping Hither, Tripping Thither	Celia, Leila, Fairies
Invocation: Iolanthe! From Thy Dark Exile	Queen, Iolanthe, Celia,
,	Leila, Fairies
Good Morrow, Good Mother	•
Fare Thee Well	
Good Morrow, Good Lover	
None Shall Part Us From Each Other	
Entrance and March of Peers: Loudly Let the Trumpet Bray	Chorus of Peers
Entrance of the Lord Chancellor	
The Law is the True Embodiment	Lord Chancellor and Peers
My Well-Loved Lord and Guardian Dear	
.,, 20104 2014 4114 4441 4141 2041 1111111111	Lord Mountararat, Peers
Nay, Tempt Me Not	-
Spurn Not the Nobly Born	
My Lords, It May Not Be	Phyllis, Lord Chancellor,
	Strephon, Lord Tolloller,
	Lord Mountararat, Peers
When I Went to the Bar as a Very Young Man	Lord Chancellor
When Darkly Looms the Day	
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ACTII	
When All Night Long a Chap Remains	Private Willie
Strephon's a Member of Parliament	Fairies, Peers

When Britain Really Ruled the Waves	Lord Mountararat,
	Fairies, Peers
In Vain to Us You Plead	Leila, Celia, Lord Mountararat,
	Lord Tolloller, Fairies, Peers
Oh, Foolish Fay	Queen, Fairies
Though P'rhaps I May Incur Your Blame	Phyllis, Lord Tolloller,
	Lord Mountararat, Private Willis
Love, Unrequited, Robs Me of My Rest	Lord Chancellor
He Who Shies at Such a Prize	Lord Tolloller, Lord Mountararat,
	Lord Chancellor
If We're Weak Enough to Tarry	Phyllis, Strephon
My Lord, a Suppliant at Your Feet	lolanthe
It May Not Be	lolanthe, Queen,
	Chancellor, Fairies
Soon as We May, Off and Away	Ensemble

SYNOPSIS

Twenty-five years before the setting of the opera, lolanthe, a fairy, had committed the capital offense of marrying a mortal. The Queen of the Fairies had commuted the sentence to lifelong exile, on condition that lolanthe left her husband and never saw him again.

Her son, Strephon, has grown up as a shepherd: half fairy, half mortal. Strephon loves Phyllis, who is a Ward of the Court of Chancery. She loves Strephon, but is unaware of his mixed origin. Meanwhile, the entire House of Lords is enamored of Phyllis, especially the Lord Chancellor, her guardian. At the start of the opera, the fairies persuade the Queen to pardon Iolanthe, and she returns, introducing Strephon to her sisters. The Queen agrees to help when Strephon announces that he wishes to marry Phyllis, despite the Lord Chancellor's refusal.

The House of Lords enter, and appeal to the Lord Chancellor to give her to whichever

peer she chooses. Phyllis herself enters, and declines to marry a peer, announcing her intention to marry Strephon. The peers angrily refuse and leave, taking Phyllis with them. Iolanthe enters and holds a tender conversation with her son. But, as she (like all fairies) looks like a girl of 17, Phyllis and the peers misinterpret the scene. They don't believe that Strephon is being faithful, and Phyllis decides to marry one of two peers, Mountararat or Tolloller.

The fairies take revenge by sending Strephon to Parliament, and casting a spell to make all the peers pass any bills that Strephon chooses, including entry depending on intelligence rather than class. The peers are terrified and appeal to the fairies not to carry this out, but they refuse, so all angrily spurn each other.

The peers are upset about Strephon's success in Parliament, and appeal for the fairies to return things to normal. One of the lords

sings in explanation. The fairies would like to oblige, as they have fallen in love with the peers themselves, but it is too late to stop Strephon. The Queen is shocked by the fairies' feminine weakness, and while acknowledging the effect on her of a nearby sentry, asserts that she remains strong.

Tolloller and Mountararat discover that if either marries Phyllis, then by family tradition, they must duel to the death. Both then renounce Phyllis in the name of friendship. Meanwhile, the Lord Chancellor has had a sleepless night, and eventually decides to marry Phyllis himself.

Strephon confesses to Phyllis that he is half a fairy, and they decide to marry as soon as possible. They persuade lolanthe to appeal to the Lord Chancellor on their behalf, and she does so, revealing that she is his wife. Thus, she again incurs the death penalty. Meanwhile, the other fairies have married the other peers, and so all should die. The Lord Chancellor suggests that by adding the word "don't" to the fairy law, the fairies would not have to die. To save her life, the Queen marries Private Willis, all the mortals are transformed into fairies, and they all fly away to Fairyland, leaving the House of Lords to be filled according to intelligence not birth.

and furious patter song with a surprising amount of text. Pay attention to the music any time the Lord Chancellor comes into the scene. This very "classical" sounding fugue, a stand-in for his high position, always accompanies him and you will hear it too at the beginning of this number.

In a talk with our conductor, James Bagwell, he told me that he feels *lolanthe* is a convincing pairing of music fit for a serious opera with this lighter, operetta style. He emphasized how much Mendelssohn and Wagner he hears in Sullivan's writing. The connection to Mendelssohn is apt, as he wrote his own fairy music in his version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. I found myself

attracted to the bouncy rhythms beneath nearly every song. Sullivan's genius is evident in his orchestration; the music always acts to serve the singers on stage, but keeps a life of its own.

The scenario and jokes wind together elegantly in *Iolanthe*, as they do in all of the Savoy operas. Much of the silliness comes from what is unsaid, and when that which is unsaid is said, the problems fizzle away. The climaxes of both acts are resolved so simply that you cannot help but laugh. Gilbert and Sullivan have packed *Iolanthe* with fun political satire too, much of which continues to be relevant through the centuries and across the pond.

The Music

GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S IOLANTHE

Notes by TŌN bassist Zack Merkovsky



The 14 works of the legendary collaborators, librettist W. S. Gilbert and composer Arthur Sullivan, are light, funny, and often poke at political and class issues. They are usually called "Savoy operas." This theater was the first public building in the world to be lit entirely by electricity, which allowed for spectacular effects like sparkling fairy wands and wreaths. *Iolanthe* (1882) was the first. *Iolanthe* was also the first play or opera

to open on the same night in both London and New York City, with two separate casts.

In the United States, Gilbert and Sullivan's influence was staggering. H.M.S. Pinafore, a Gilbert and Sullivan opera from a few years prior, saw eight different staged productions in what we now call New York City's Theater District at the same time. It's not hard to draw the line from Savoy opera to the musical, especially geographically. One of the biggest contributions Gilbert and Sullivan's works made is in how the stories unfold; the use of dialogue between musical numbers makes Iolanthe feel more like a musical than an opera, but both words and song serve to move the story along.

My favorite song in *lolanthe* comes in the middle of Act II. The Lord Chancellor has had a sleepless night, dealing with emotions of love for his own ward, Phyllis, who is already in love with Strephon and is also being courted by two other Lords. It is a fast

The Artists

JAMES BAGWELL conductor



Daniel Welch

James Bagwell maintains an active international schedule as a conductor of choral, operatic, and orchestral music. He was recently named associate conductor and academic director of The Orchestra Now (TŌN) and was appointed principal guest conductor of the American Symphony Orchestra in 2009. He has led both ensembles in concerts at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. He served as

music director of The Collegiate Chorale from 2009-15. Highlights included conducting rarely-performed operas at Carnegie Hall, including Bellini's Beatrice di Tenda, Rossini's Möise et Pharaon, and Boito's Mefistofele. He conducted the New York premiere of Philip Glass' Toltec Symphony and Osvaldo Golijov's Oceana at Carnegie Hall. His performance of Kurt Weill's Knickerbocker Holiday at Alice Tully Hall was recorded live for Gaslight Records and is the only complete recording of the work. He has collaborated since 2011 with singer and composer Natalie Merchant, conducting orchestras across the country, including the San Francisco and Seattle Symphonies. Other recent performances include Glass' Another Look at Harmony at the Park Avenue Armory and leading the Little Opera Theatre of New York's production of Rossini's Opportunity Makes the Thief.

Mr. Bagwell is a regular guest conductor for The Tulsa Symphony. In 2011 and 2012 he conducted the Amici New York Orchestra at the OK Mozart Festival, and in December 2014 made his second appearance with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. He frequently appears as guest conductor for orchestras around the country and abroad, including the Jerusalem Symphony, the Interlochen Music Festival, and the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra.

A noted choral director, Mr. Bagwell has prepared The Concert Chorale of New York for performances with the New York Philharmonic over the past several years. In 2018, he prepared The Concert Chorale for performances with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and prepared two concerts for the Mostly Mozart Festival. Since 2003 he has been director of choruses for the Bard Music Festival, conducting and preparing choral works during the annual SummerScape festival.

Mr. Bagwell is Professor of Music at Bard College and Director of Performance Studies in the Bard College Conservatory of Music.

MICHAEL A.M. AOUN VAP '23

Strephon

Michael is a Lebanese-American bass-baritone whose passion for collaborative art inspires their professional work. Their gender expression/identity and neurodivergence (ADHD) have taught them to listen to those who are different and to stay engaged as an activist and member of the community. Most recently, Michael sang as bass soloist with the Albany Symphony in their holiday performance of Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Part VI. More info at michaelbassbaritone.com.

COLTON COOK VAP '24

Lord Mountararat

American baritone Colton Cook is in his first year of study in the Bard College Conservatory Vocal Arts Program. Previous operatic engagements include ensemble performances with the Fargo-Moorhead Opera in their productions of *Il barbiere di Siviglia* and *Don Giovanni*. He was recently featured as a soloist with the Bard College Chamber Singers and Symphonic Chorus in Mozart's *Vesperae solennes de confessore*.

MELANIE DUBIL VAP '22 Queen

Mezzo-soprano Melanie Dubil's most recent operatic credits include Edka in Heggie's *Two Remain* as a Bonfils-Stanton Foundation Studio Artist with Central City Opera, Anna I in *Seven Deadly Sins*, Mrs. Nolan in *The Medium*, and Lapák/Mrs. Paskova in *The Cunning Little Vixen* alongside TŌN and the Bard VAP. This summer, Melanie will return to Central City Opera where she will cover the role of Stéphano in *Romeo and Juliet*, as well as perform the role for their annual Emerging Artists Matinee.

MARIA GIOVANETTI VAP '23 Phyllis

Maria is an adept and versatile soprano who endeavors to bring classical music to a broad audience, making it accessible and engaging for all. Last spring, she participated in a concert with the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, where she sang the live premiere of a new work. Maria also performed as a soprano soloist in Handel's Messiah with The Orchestra Now at Bard's Fisher Center. More info at mariagiovanettisoprano.com.

ABBAGAEL GREENE VAP '24

Iolanthe

Philadelphia-born mezzo-soprano Abbegael Greene infuses each of her performances with passion and intimacy. Recent appearances include the role of Dorabella in Mozart's Cosí fan tutte with RWU Opera Theater, alto soloist in Mozart's Vesperae solennes de confessore with Bard College Conservatory, and alto soloist in Handel's Messiah with the Roberts Wesleyan University Symphony Orchestra. She graduated with a B.S. in Choral Music Education from Roberts Wesleyan University in 2022, where she was named undergraduate Presser Scholarship recipient of her year.

TERYN KUZMA VAP '23 Celia

Teryn is a versatile musician of classical, contemporary, and folk repertoire. Her recent highlights include winning first place in the 2022 MIOpera University Division Vocal Competition, and singing the title role in *The Cunning Little Vixen* last March. She has been a featured artist with The Lincoln Crossroads Music Festival, Ohio Light Opera, Toronto Summer Music Festival, the Ukrainian Art Song Project, and the SongFest Program. More info at terynkuzma.com.

JONATHAN LAWLOR VAP '23

Lord Chancellor

Jonathan Lawlor is a baritone whose love of all genres of vocal music from Baroque chamber music to contemporary experimental music informs his every performance. His upcoming appearances include Concerts in the Village's performance of Barber's *Dover Beach* and Butterworth's *Love blows as the Wind blows*, and Bard Baroque Ensemble's performance of Bach's cantata *Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit* as the bass soloist. More info at jonathanlawlorbaritone.com.

KATHERINE LERNER LEE VAP '23

Leila

Soprano Katherine Lerner Lee will enjoy a full and diverse Spring season as she completes her Masters at Bard. She appears with The Orchestra Now on March 19, alongside conductor Colin Roshak, presenting the orchestral premiere of John Musto's *Shadow of the Blues*. On April 16, she presents her degree recital, performing Grieg's *Haugtussa* and Crumb's *Apparition*. Finally, she will appear again with TŌN at Symphony Space on May 14th, performing Olivier Messiaen's *Poèmes pour Mi*.

ZIHAO LIU VAP '23 Lord Tolloller

Chinese Tenor Zihao Liu is an artist of stunning vocal agility and exceptional musicianship. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Manhattan School of Music and is currently pursuing his Master's degree at Bard College Conservatory of Music under the tutelage of Richard Cox. His recent solo appearances include the tenor soloist in Beethoven;s 9th Symphony, the Schoolmaster in Janáček's *The Cuninng Little Vixen*, tenor soloist in Handel's Messiah, and several recitals in the United States and China.

GARRICK NEUNER '26 Willis

Garrick is a bass-baritone from Long Island, New York, studying in the inaugural class of Bard Conservatory's undergraduate vocal program. He performs in a broad range of disciplines and styles, including contemporary installation pieces at The Shed and the Brooklyn Museum, premieres of Bard Composers' improvisatory works, and collaborations with Bard's Jazz Voice and Opera Workshops.

SADIE SPIVEY '23 Fleta

Sadie has been recognized for her diverse performance abilities as a vocal artist and as an actor. She has sung with The Ohio Light Opera for three summers, appearing as Mabel in Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* and as Luisa in *The Fantasticks* this past summer. At the Fisher Center, she

has been seen as the Vixen in Janáček's *The* Cunning Little Vixen, as a soloist in Handel's Messiah, and as a soloist in Berlin im Licht: A German Cabaret.

EMILY CUK '11 director

Stage Director Emily Cuk has distinguished herself in a variety of productions in professional and community venues. An alumna of Bard College, she was thrilled to return this past January to direct Opera Workshop's scenes program. She currently resides in Rochester, NY, where she has frequently worked with Finger Lakes Opera, having directed their Tomita Young Artist Summer Scenes and performances of John Davies' Pinocchio and Three Little Pigs for FLO's educational outreach program. In August, she joined Pegasus Early Music as the stage director for their production of Monteverdi's opera L'Orfeo, a performance that was originally scheduled for August 2020. She previously staged their production of Handel's Acis and Galatea. As a Directing Fellow for Wolf Trap Opera's 2019 season, she directed Ravel's L'heure espagnole with the National Orchestral Institute and conductor Ward Stare. For the past four years, she was an adjunct faculty member at the Nazareth College School of Music. She is the newly-appointed Director of Operations for the Charles Ives Music Festival in her hometown of Danbury, CT. She is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music, where she received an M.M. degree in Opera Directing.

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Stephanie Blythe, the program prepares young singers to meet the special challenges of pursuing a professional life in music in the 21st century. Students engage with art song, chamber music, contemporary music, and operatic repertoire throughout their course work. Operatic performance includes a fully staged production at the Fisher Center for the Performing Arts. The program includes seminars and classes in Alexander Technique, acting, diction and translation, development of performance opportunities, and a workshop in career skills with guest speakers who are leading figures in arts management and administration.

BARD FESTIVAL CHORALE

The Bard Festival Chorale was formed in 2003 as the resident choir of the Bard Music Festival. It consists of the finest ensemble singers from New York City and surrounding areas. Many of its members have distinguished careers as soloists and as performers in a variety of choral groups; all possess a shared enthusiasm for the exploration of new and unfamiliar music.

BARD COLLEGE CHAMBER SINGERS

Formed in 2002 by music director James Bagwell, Bard College Chamber Singers is an auditioned choir of Bard students and alumni/ae from all programs of the College and includes all members of the Graduate Conducting Program (GCP). The Chamber Singers have performed with the Bard Baroque Ensemble and in concerts of Haydn's Mass in D Minor and works by Mahler, Fauré, Kodály, and Baltas. In previous holiday seasons they have joined the Bard College Symphonic Chorus and members of TŌN, Conservatory, and Community orchestras to perform an annual December Winter Songfest.

THE ORCHESTRA NOW



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The Orchestra Now (TŌN) is a group of vibrant young musicians from across the globe who are making orchestral music relevant to 21st-century audiences by sharing their unique personal insights in a welcoming environment. Hand-picked from the world's leading conservatories—including the Yale School of Music, Shanghai Conservatory of Music, Royal Academy of Music, and the New England Conservatory of Music-the members of TŌN are enlightening curious minds by giving on-stage introductions and demonstrations, writing concert notes from the musicians' perspective, and having one-on-one discussions with patrons during intermissions

Conductor, educator, and music historian Leon Botstein, whom The New York Times said "draws rich, expressive playing from the orchestra," founded TŌN in 2015 as a graduate program at Bard College, where he is also president. TŌN offers both a threeyear master's degree in Curatorial, Critical, and Performance Studies and a two-year advanced certificate in Orchestra Studies. The orchestra's home base is the Frank Gehrydesigned Fisher Center at Bard, where it performs multiple concerts each season and takes part in the annual Bard Music Festival. It also performs regularly at the finest venues in New York, including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and others across NYC and beyond. HuffPost, who has called TŌN's performances "dramatic

and intense," praises these concerts as "an opportunity to see talented musicians early in their careers."

The orchestra has performed with many distinguished guest conductors and soloists, including Leonard Slatkin, Neeme Järvi, Gil Shaham, Fabio Luisi, Vadim Repin, Hans Graf, Peter Serkin, Gerard Schwarz, Tan Dun, and JoAnn Falletta. Recordings featuring The Orchestra Now include two albums of piano concertos with Piers Lane on Hyperion Records, and a Sorel Classics concert recording of pianist Anna Shelest performing works by Anton Rubinstein with TŌN and conductor Neeme Järvi. Buried Alive with baritone Michael Nagy, released on Bridge Records in August 2020, includes the first recording in almost 60 years-and only the second recording ever-of Othmar Schoeck's song-cycle Lebendig begraben. Recent releases include Classics of American Romanticism-featuring the first-ever complete recording of Bristow's Arcadian Symphony—and an album of piano concertos with Orion Weiss, both on Bridge Records, and the soundtrack to the motion picture Forte. Recordings of TON's live concerts from the Fisher Center can be heard on Classical WMHT-FM and WWFMThe Classical Network, and are featured regularly on Performance Today, broadcast nationwide.

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Rehearsal Pianist

BATMYAGMAR ERDENEBAT viola



Miga will talk briefly about the music on stage before the performance.

Hometown: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Alma maters: Music and Dance College of Mongolia, United World College of the Adriatic, Oberlin College and Conservatory, Yale School of Music

Awards/Competitions: 1st and Special prize, 2008 "La Musica Nella Scoula" Chamber Music Competition, Italy; 3rd Prize, 2008 Paulo Spincich International Music Competition, Italy; 2nd Prize, 2013 American Viola Society Orchestral Excerpts Competition

Appearances: Litomysl International Strings Masterclasses, Czech Republic, 2012; Round Top International Summer Music Festival. Texas. 2011 When did you realize you wanted to pursue music as a career? I took a break from playing violin after the end of the school year when I was in 5th grade. Then, I realized that it was not fun without playing the violin. I think that was the moment when I decided to be a musician.

What inspired you to audition for TŌN? I was graduating from Yale School of Music in the same year the TŌN program launched. I was interested in the program after hearing about it from my friends, but I wanted to teach violin and viola. After teaching for 3 years in Mongolia, I was inspired by my friends who were in the program, who were getting to perform in outstanding halls like Carnegie and landing positions in major orchestras

If you could play another instrument, what would it be? An accordion

Tell us something about yourself that might surprise us: Besides playing viola, I also made five short documentary films about classical musicians and their lives in Mongolia.

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APR1&2

SATURDAY AT 7 PM | SUNDAY AT 3 PM at the Fisher Center at Bard

Leon Botstein conductor Meigui Zhang soprano Cierra Byrd mezzo-soprano Jonah Hoskins tenor Bard Festival Chorale James Bagwell choral director

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Leon Botstein conductor Sun-Ly Pierce VAP '19 mezzo-soprano Hiromi Kikuchi violin (Saturday) Ken Hakii viola (Saturday) Luosha Fang '10 violin (Sunday) Rosemary Nelis '17 viola (Sunday)

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