

Gosforth Musical Society presents

*A Gilbert & Sullivan
Family Christmas*

*By Esther Cohen-Fouée
Based on the works of Gilbert & Sullivan
& traditional carols*

*Friday 22 November, 7.30pm
St Bart's Church Hall, Forest Hall*

*Saturday 23 November
2.30pm and 7.30pm
Trinity Church, Gosforth High Street*



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Musical Director	Laurence Scott
Accompanist	Julian Dawson
Publicity & Set	Zoe Hull & Mark Buckley
Scores & front of house	Monica Goldsmith & Rosemary Menzies
Poster & Programme	Esther Cohen-Tovée
Lighting	NEATT

CAST

WS Gilbert ("Willie")	Paul Murphy
Mrs Lucy Gilbert	Emma-Jane Phillips
Major General	Philip Hall
Jack Point	Andrew Watson
Norah (a maidservant)	Elizabeth Hamer
John Wellington Wells	Sebastion Davidson
Katisha	Glynda Blackburn
Fairy Queen	Esther Cohen-Tovée
Lady Blanche	Brenda Wallace
Duchess of Plaza Toro & Ruth	Sylvia Blackman & Lois Lovely
Miss Nancy McIntosh	Rachel Alpin
Ralph Rackstraw	Bartholomew Dobson
Sir Arthur Sullivan	Steven Aitchison
Yum Yum	Catt Symonds-Thompson

CHORUS

Julie Beat, Mark Buckley, Roger Crowther,
Jenny Gallagher, Dave Hagan, David Hall, Loraine Hill,
Paul Leach, Briana Madden, Rosemary Menzies, Vivien Scott,
Jonathan Wood, Ken Young

SYNOPSIS

It's December 1889, and Mrs Lucy Gilbert is trying to make plans for Christmas dinner with her husband. Unfortunately he is not keen on her ideas for a gathering of both families, so who better to invite than Gilbert & Sullivan's most memorable characters? But what will be the consequences of letting them loose to disrupt not just the plans for Christmas but the integrity of Gilbert's writing and his marriage to the long-suffering Lucy? If quiet calm deliberation cannot solve the problems, perhaps the answer lies with the ingenuity of the chorus to deliver a traditional happy ending.

ACT ONE

- CAROL:** *Oh come, oh come Emmanuel*
- SONG:** *If you give me your attention (Princess Ida)* – Gilbert
- SONG:** *I am the very model of a modern major general (Pirates)* – Major General & chorus
- SONG:** *Mrs Gilbert there's a party at the door (Grand Duke)* – Norah & chorus
- SONG:** *My name is John Wellington Wells (Sorcerer)* – John Wellington Wells
- SONG:** *Were I thy bride (Yeomen)* – Norah
- CAROL:** *Deck the Hall with boughs of holly*
- SONG:** *Silvered is the raven hair (Patience)* – Mrs Gilbert
- DUET:** *When the night wind howls (Ruddigore)* – Fairy Queen, Gilbert & chorus
- FINALE:** *Go away Madam (Iolanthe)* – Gilbert, Fairy Queen, Lady Blanche & chorus

INTERVAL – 20 minutes

ACT TWO

- CAROL:** *In the bleak midwinter*
- DUET:** *Prithee pretty maiden (Patience)* – Ralph & Nancy
- CHORUS:** *Hail poetry (Pirates)*
- DUET:** *Ah leave me not to pine (Pirates)* – Nancy & Ralph
- SONG:** *The sun whose rays (Mikado)* – Yum Yum
- DUET:** *There is beauty in the bellow of the blast (Mikado)* – Mrs Gilbert & Gilbert
- QUARTET:** *In a contemplative fashion (Gondoliers)* – Gilbert, Mrs Gilbert, Nancy & Sullivan
- CHORUS:** *Dance a cachucha (Gondoliers)*
- FINALE:** *Now to the banquet we press (Sorcerer)*
- CAROL:** *Hark the herald angels sing*

ADVERTS