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The Newsletter of the The Madison Savoyards, Ltd.

A Semi-Annual Newsletter Issue #96 - July 2011

Utopia, Limited

UW Music Hall

The Zoo

Henry Vilas Zoo

July 22, 23 - 7:30
July 24 - 3:00

August 20 - 3:00 PM
& 6:30 PM

July 29, 30 - 7:30
July 31 - 3:00

August 21 - 3:00 PM



Annual Meeting

Henry Vilas Zoo

Saturday, August 20

following the 3:00 PM
performance of *The
Zoo*

HMS Pinafore

DVD

Our latest release -
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Utopia, Limited

This summer's *Utopia, Limited* will be the second Madison Savoyards production. It was first performed by the Savoyards in 1993, the 100th anniversary of its first performance in London

on October 7, 1893. *Utopia, Limited* or *The Flowers of Progress* opened October 7, 1893 at the Savoy Theatre and ran for 245 performances. It was the penultimate collaboration between Gilbert and Sullivan, opening more than two years after *Gondoliers* had closed.

Take a South Sea island called Utopia, a benevolent King held in check by two Wise Men and a Public Explorer, a Princess bent on reforming the island to conform with English culture, and a mixture of English reformers and what do you get? *Utopia, Limited* (complete with prospectus) a

society so healthy that doctors are out of work, so law abiding that lawyers are out of work, and so peaceful that the military is out of work... So how can this too-perfect situation be remedied? The answer: Government by Party!

“No political measures will endure, because one Party will assuredly undo all that the other Party has done... the legislative action of the country will be at a standstill. Then there will be sickness in plenty, endless lawsuits, crowded jails, interminable confusion in the Army and Navy, and, in short, general and unexampled prosperity!”

Let’s remember that *Utopia Limited* was written over 100 years ago to poke fun at English society, culture and government. Surely, we can be assured that with our knowledge and experience, we have long overcome all of these aspects that Gilbert employs as fodder for his sharp wit. Or have we?

The Madison Savoyards would like to note that this production was planned long before the current interesting season of politics began to unfold.

Tickets: Union Theater Box and University Theater Box Office, (608) 265-2787 or on line at

www.madisonsavoyards.org

Friday pre-performance dinners

The University Club, 803 State Street, is open for your dinner Friday July 22 and July 29, 2011. Planned to precede the *Utopia Limited* performances, you may arrive at 5:15 PM, enjoy a drink with other fans, dine at 5:45 PM, and during dessert a brief talk about *Utopia Limited*. Walk to the Music Hall for the 7:30 curtain. The combo of dinner and ticket costs \$60 which includes ticket, dinner, tax and service, payable that night to Helen Baldwin.

The menu for the three-course meal on **July 22** include rolls and butter and a spinach salad to start, Broiled Chilean Sea Bass with Tiger Shrimp, or Petite Filet of Beef, or Risotto-stuffed Portabella Mushroom. This served with chef’s choice of sides and dessert. There will be a house wine poured with dinner. **July 29** starts with Cae-

sar salad, then choices of broiled lemon sole with sea scallops, Sicilian Beef Steak, or Parmesan Tofu with Mushroom Ragu. Again enjoy the chef’s choice of sides and dessert and a house wine poured with dinner.

E-mail or phone Helen Baldwin to reserve a place and your choice of

Madison Savoyards Ltd. Presents
GILBERT and SULLIVAN'S

UTOPIA
limited

Stage Director:
Terry Kiss Frank

Music Director/Conductor:
Blake Walter

July 22, 23, 29, 30 at 7:30 pm
July 24 and 31 at 3:00pm

Adults \$30, Seniors \$28
Students \$15, Children under 13 \$5

Tickets available at Wisconsin Union
or Vilas Hall box offices
call 265-2787 or visit:
www.madisonsavoyards.org

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entrée. Helenbaldwin1@mac.com or 608-238-2951. If you already have tickets, call the University Club, 262-5023 to hold a place and entrée for dinner.

Madison Savoyards Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Madison Savoyards will be held on Saturday, August 20 after the 3:00 PM performance of *The Zoo*. (approximately 4:00 PM) Please join us to elect board members, review the financial statements, and hear about plans for the 50th Anniversary of The Madison Savoyards, Ltd. We are planning to have some ice cream to enjoy during the meeting.



The Zoo at the Zoo

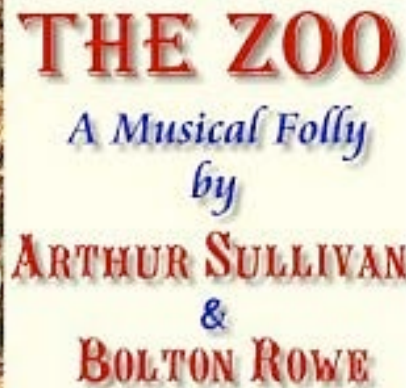
As part of the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Henry Vilas Zoo, The Madison Savoyards will perform *The Zoo* at the Zoo on Saturday August 20 (at 3:00 and 6:30 PM) and Sunday, August 21 at 3:00 PM.

The Zoo, which has a score by Sullivan and a libretto by Bolton Rowe (pseudonym of B.C. Stephenson), was first performed on June 5, 1875, a few weeks after

Trial By Jury opened; it was produced as an afterpiece to Gilbert's farce *Tom Cobb*. Like *Trial by Jury*, *The Zoo* is a one-act piece without spoken dialogue.

HMS Pinafore DVD

Last summer's show, *HMS Pinafore*, is available from The Madison Savoyards and Amazon. The DVD has the complete performance from the first notes of the Overture to the last curtain calls. Total time of the performance on the DVD is 103:35. The video is wide format (16x9) standard definition and the audio is Dolby 5.1 surround sound. There is an "extra" feature: a slide show of photographs from opening night.



From the President

As finally the weather has warmed up to make us think of summer, my thoughts automatically turn to a new production from the Madison Savoyards. This year we are preparing a presentation of *Utopia Limited*, one of the less well known of the Gilbert and Sullivan's comic operas.

As a prelude to our fiftieth celebrations next year, on August 20 and 21 we will presenting *The Zoo* at the Henry Vilas Zoo as part of their

hundredth anniversary. We want to encourage all of our friends to attend one of the three performances. The music for *The Zoo* is by Sullivan and the cast will include a large number of your favorite Madison Savoyard performers.

This year our annual meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on August 20 in the Visitor's Center at Henry Vilas Zoo. Essentially the meeting will start after the conclusion of the afternoon performance of *The Zoo*, so you can do both events in the afternoon. As an inducement we are planning to provide ice cream treats to those who attend the meeting. Mostly the annual meeting is a social opportunity and the business meeting is intentionally brief (treasurers report, president's report, and election of board members). Please plan on attending, it would be wonderful to see you all again.

In these hard economic times I would be remiss if I did not point out that we have been fortunate to receive supporting grants to produce *Utopia Limited* from many sources including The Madison Arts Commission, Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission, Alliant Energy Foundation, Electronic Theater Controls (ETC), and the Wisconsin Arts Board. We appreciate the generosity of these donor and the donations from individual and families (too numerous to list here), without whose support the summer Gilbert and Sullivan shows and the Madison Savoyards Ltd. would not be possible. Thank you!

Jim Cain, President

Utopia Limited and The Zoo graphics from the Gilbert & Sullivan Archive at Boise State.

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DVDs/CD desired (please specify quantities)

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_____	<i>The Yeomen of the Guard</i> (2009) DVD 152 min Dolby 5.1	@\$25.00 _____
_____	<i>The Mikado</i> (2008) DVD 141 min Dolby 5.1	@\$25.00 _____
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_____	<i>The Sorcerer</i> (2007) 2 CD set 108 min	@\$20.00 _____
_____	<i>Patience</i> (2006) DVD 125 min Dolby 5.0	@\$20.00 _____
_____	<i>Patience</i> (2006) 2 CD set 125 min	@\$15.00 _____
_____	<i>Ruddigore</i> (highlights) (2004) DVD	@\$10.00 _____

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