

Princeton Society of Musical Amateurs
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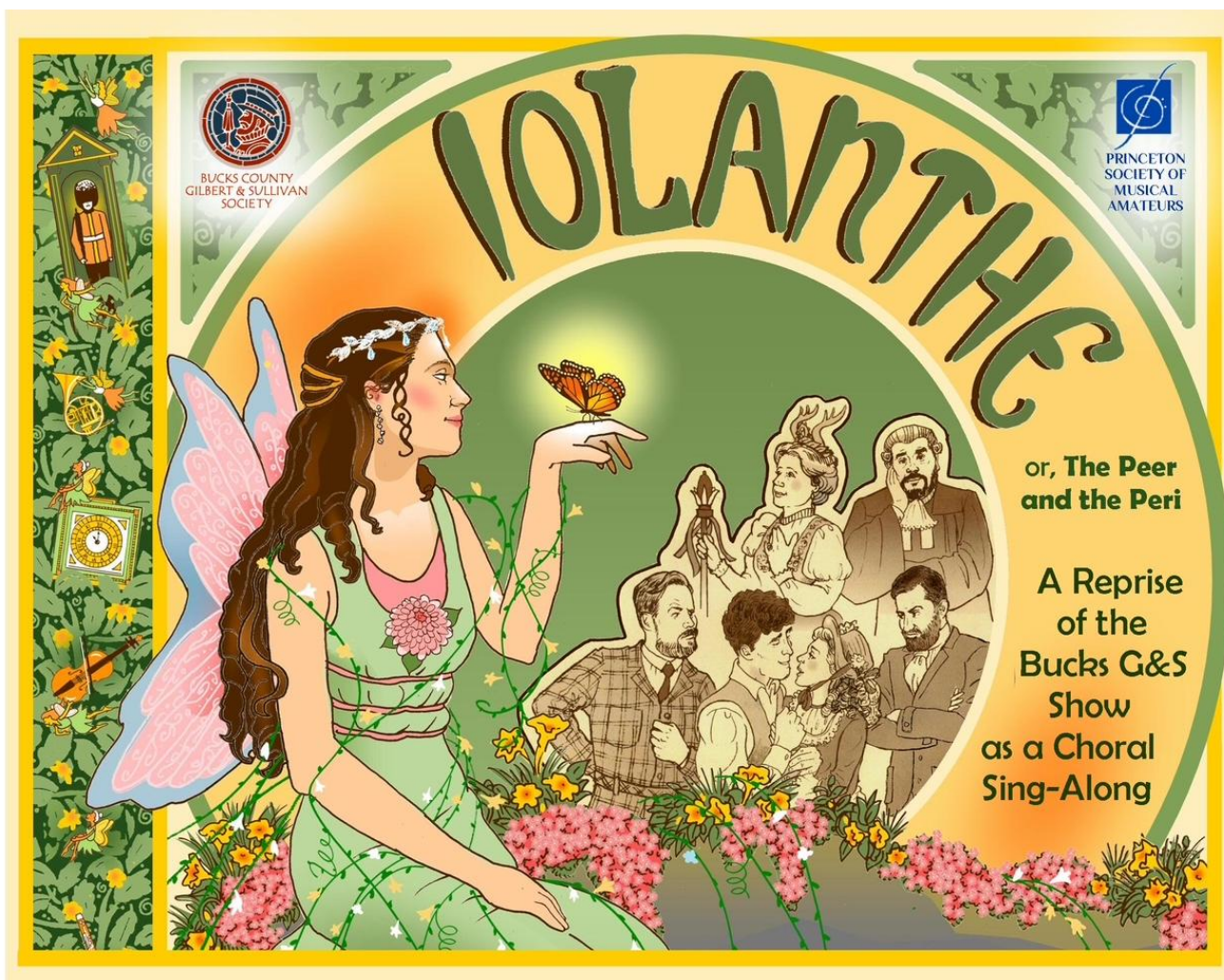


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LEE F. MILHOUS (Music Director and Conductor) Having earned a BA in Church Music from Westminster Choir College, and an MM in Choral Conducting from Temple's Esther Boyer College of Music; Lee serves his 12th year as Music Director of the Bucks County Gilbert and Sullivan Society. His teachers included Michael Stairs, Robert Carwithen, and Alan Harler. Lee has conducted liturgical and concert performances of Handel's *Messiah* and *Coronation Anthems*, Bach's *St. John Passion* and *Easter Oratorios* and *Requiems* by Fauré, Mozart and Duruflé, among many others. He is Director of Music at St. Ignatius of Antioch Church (Yardley, PA), Organist and Choirmaster at St. Mary's Episcopal/Anglican Church (Burlington, NJ), Choir Director at Temple Beth Hillel/Beth El (Wynnewood, PA), and organist at The Evergreens Chapel (Moorestown, NJ). He also serves on the piano faculty of Ancillae Assumpta Academy (Wyncote, PA) where

he teaches 40+ students weekly. His musical theater credits as either Music Director, Conductor, or Accompanist include over 70 shows in the canon with organizations including Bucks County Playhouse, Bristol Riverside Theatre, Kelsey Theater, The Solebury School, Delaware River Theatre Collective, Princeton Society of Musical Amateurs, The Peddie School, Sayreville War Memorial High School, Bryn Athyn Community Players, and Temple Adath Israel Players. Lee resides in New Britain with his son Elliot, their Maine Coon cat Phin, and a rescue turtle named Bill.

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MICHAEL SCHIUMO (Lord Chancellor) Michael returns to PSMA, having thoroughly enjoyed playing Ko-Ko in last year's *The Mikado*. He is frequently seen around the PA/NJ theater scene, acting in too many shows, and most recently directed his first musical (*Jekyll & Hyde*) for Newtown Arts. Favorite roles/shows in recent years include *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* (The D'ysquith Family), *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Dom Claude Frolo), *1776* (John Adams), and *Miss Saigon* (The Engineer, 2017 NJ ACT Perry Award winner, Best Actor in Musical). By day, Michael is IT Support for Merakey, Freelance Video editor, occasional trivia host, gamer, theme park enthusiast, husband and father to 10-year-old triplets. Love to Melissa, Sophia, Chris and Vivian. He dedicates this performance to the late, great, Wilbur Lewis.



JASON ADAMO (Lord Mountarat) Jason Adamo, bass-baritone, is delighted to be singing with us, having performed as bass soloist in the Bucks Gilbert & Sullivan's winter concert of Handel's *Messiah*. He has been a frequent soloist with the Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey and Eastern Opera of New Jersey, where he has sung numerous opera roles such as Dulcamara in *L'Elisir d'Amore*, Falke in *Die Fledermaus*, the title roles of *Don Giovanni* and *Le Nozze di Figaro*, as well as roles in J.S. Bach's *Coffee Cantata*, and Mozart's *Bastien und Bastienne*. In the Gilbert & Sullivan domain, he has previously performed the roles of the Pirate King in *The Pirates of Penzance* and Sir Despard in *Ruddigore*. In New York, Jason has sung with Amore Opera as Colline in *La Bohème* and as Leporello in *Don Giovanni*. This season, he will appear with Camerata New Jersey in *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* and with Dell'Arte Opera Ensemble in *The Seven Deadly Sins*. Jason is a graduate of the Mannes School of Music at The New School in New York City.



TIMOTHY FAULKNER (Lord Tolloller) is happy to join PSMA again, having sung many roles with Bucks G&S such as Nanki Poo in *The Mikado*, Marco in *The Gondoliers*, Alexis in *The Sorcerer*, and Samuel in *Pirates of Penzance*. He portrayed Richard Dauntless in *Ruddigore* with the Savoy Company Philadelphia, and recently filled in for one of The Ardensingers productions as well. Tim has performed chorus roles in multiple productions with Opera Delaware, Opera Baltimore, and Boheme Opera NJ as well as character roles with Delaware Valley Opera Company, Center Stage Opera, Amici Opera, Alter Ego Chamber Opera and Lyric Opera NJ. Next up, Tim will be joining the Opera Project Stockton NJ for their fall season with concerts in September, October, and November.



ROBIN SCHOTT, JR. (Private Willis) is delighted to be participating in his first PSMA concert. When not on the stage, Robin is the Co-Director of Music at St. Luke the Evangelist RC Church in Glenside. He thanks his parents Robin and Mary for the MANY pre-rehearsal dinners and post-rehearsal snacks at their house, and all his family and friends who have come to see him in shows. He hopes everyone enjoys the story of *Iolanthe*!



CHRIS CAPITULO (Strephon) is happy to be singing again with our *Iolanthe* cast. He made his debut with Bucks G&S in 2018 as Leonard Meryll in *The Yeomen of the Guard*, played The Pirate King in 2018's *The Pirates of Penzance* and then played Dr. Daly in 2021's *The Sorcerer*. Other G&S credits include Lord Mountarat in *Iolanthe*, Major General Stanley in *Pirates* and the Solicitor in *Patience* with Rose Valley Orchestra and Chorus. He and his lovely wife Abby live in Abington with their two cats, whom they love more than is appropriate.



THERESA SWARTZ (Queen of the Fairies) Theresa is happy to be back for this fun show. Prior roles with Bucks G&S include The Lady Angela in *Patience*, Katisha in *The Mikado* and Dame Carruthers in *The Yeomen of the Guard*. She has appeared on many area stages through the years in roles as diverse as Guenevere in *Camelot*, Regan in *King Lear*, Elsie Maynard in *The Yeomen of the Guard* and Joanne in *Company*. She resides in Ambler, PA, with fellow thespian/singer spouse David Swartz, sweet chiweenie mix Millie Dee, and a bevy of feline personalities.

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KIRA SCHARF (*Iolanthe*) Kira is delighted to be reprising Iolanthe in her first PSMA concert. Offstage you'll find her singing away as section leader for the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, NJ and as a cantor for Queenship of Mary Roman Catholic Church, Plainsboro, NJ. She performs regularly with the Opera Project, NJ, and is a graduate of TCNJ, Ewing. A fan of all things nature, Kira is especially honored to portray the role of Iolanthe in this show. After all, it's not rare to spy her enrapt in the beauty of a sunset, random tree or hear her call out "hawk!" while going 65mph+ on the highway. Along with their two cats, she and Lord Tolloller reside in Ewing, NJ and hope you'll enjoy watching this performance.



KRISTEN SHIELDS (*Celia*) Kristen is excited to be singing the part of Celia for this PSMA concert. This is her third Gilbert & Sullivan production. You may have seen her in *The Mikado* and *The Gondoliers*, but she can't wait to make the audience laugh in this show!



RACHEL ROMACK (*Leila*) is thrilled to be singing with this *Iolanthe* cast, after appearing in Bucks G&S's *Mikado* chorus the previous summer! She is a fairly new actor in the area and is looking forward to getting further involved in the local arts community. Previous credits include: *Mathilda the Musical* (Mrs. Phelps), *Miss Julie* (Miss Julie), and *Faust* (Gretchen).



JOY WOFFINDIN (*Fleta*) *Iolanthe* was Joy's fourth production with Bucks G&S, having previously appeared in (and choreographed) *The Pirates of Penzance*, *The Sorcerer* and *The Mikado*. Joy has appeared extensively with other area companies such as Newtown Arts and ActorsNET. Recent choreo credits include *Sister Act* and *Jekyll & Hyde* for Newtown Arts Company. Favorite roles include Mrs. Webb in *Our Town*, Betty Lovell in *Red Velvet*, and Rose Smith in *Meet Me In St. Louis*. Love and thanks to Dave, Lee, Bob, and the rest of the team for their trust and support.



ABBY CAPITOLO (*Phyllis*) Abby is very happy to reprise Phyllis for PSMA. Her most recent credits include 2022's *Gondoliers* (Tessa) and 2021's *Sorcerer* (Aline). Abby studied voice at Malone University in Ohio while getting her degree in zoo and wildlife biology. She is a vet tech at Madden Animal Hospital in Ambler and resides with her wonderful husband and ridiculously adorable cats in Abington.



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