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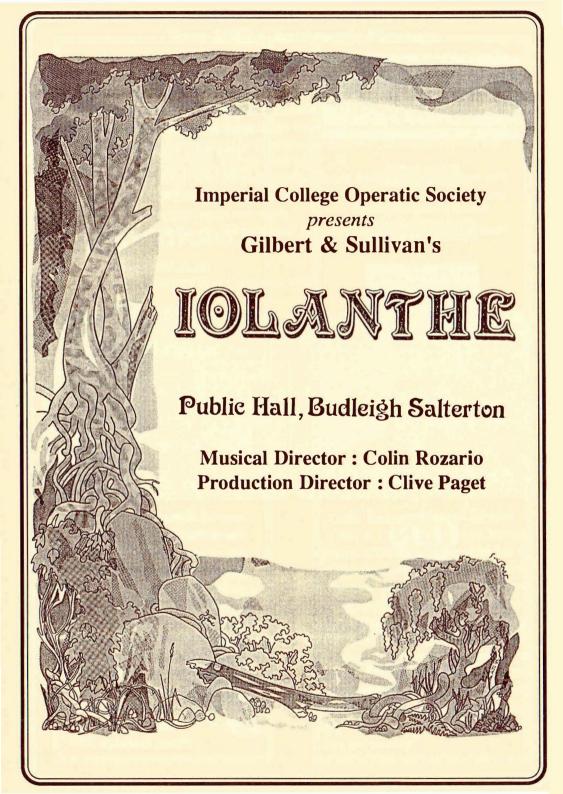
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Tour 1989 Chairman's Message

Twenty two years ago ICOS first arrived to read the boards of the Public Hall, Budleigh Salterton to perform Iolanthe. It all started in 1968, ICOS had a disastrous first week in Salisbury and then came down to Lyme Regis to find the theatre had become unavailable to us. We then managed to acquire the Public Hall in Budleigh Salterton and had such a magnificent reception that it persuaded us to return the next year, and the year after that, and the year after that, and the year after that,

Needless to say, after 22 years performing in Budleigh Salterton we still enjoy the hospitality and support we receive. You make us feel so welcome that we come back again and again.

In the meantime we all hope that you enjoy tonight's performance of Iolanthe.

David Thorpe (Tour Chairman 1989)





Clive Paget Production Director

Clive has been with ICOS now for eight years and has, in this time, played principal roles in all thirteen Savoy operas. In Salterton he has notably played Pooh-Bah, Grosvenor and, last year, Shadbolt. Last February he directed his first main show for ICOS (Pirates of Penzance) although he has previously directed shows by Handel, Holst and Stephen Sondheim.

Colin Rozario Musical Director

This is Colin's ninth tour having joined ICOS as a chorus member in 1980. He then progressed to small principal parts in HMS Pinafore (1981) and Utopia (1982). However, most of you will probably recognize him from his many years of "welcoming" and saying "goodnight" at the front door. He has made it to the other end of the hall, at last - and hopes you think the momentous journey has been worthwhile. "Thank you for coming".

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Leila a fairy	Sue Foister
Fleta a fairy	Jo Claydon
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Act II Opposite the Houses of Parliament, on the south bank of the Thames

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Elizabeth Elliott Iolanthe



Cathy Kelleher Phyllis



Georgia Paget Fairy Queen



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William White Lord Chancellor



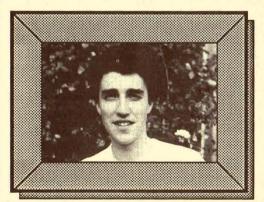
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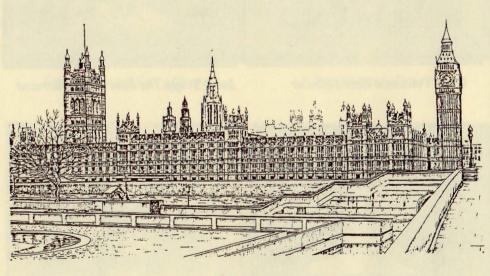


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Cello	
Double BassMaur	een Stephens
	athan Heitler
Michael	Copperwhite
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Trombone	Colin Parker
Horns	
	Liz Coe
Percussion	Brian Steel



The Houses of Parliament

Historical Note

In 1843 the Danish playwright Henrik Hertz produced a lyric drama, King Rene's Daughter. It was adapted for the Lyceum Theatre in May 1880 and retitled Iolanthe, after the king's daughter. The name attracted W. S. Gilbert, and when he began to sketch out ideas for the opera we shall see tonight - eighteen months before it appeared on stage - he also called the heroine Iolanthe. But fears of being accused of breach of copyright obliged him to be careful, and while the Lyceum and Savoy argued legal niceties and fees, Gilbert's was registered as Perola. It was not until a few weeks before the opening night the cast discovered that wherever the name appeared they now had to substitute Iolanthe.

The Savoy management had also taken a calculated gamble in sending a company to America to open on both sides of the Atlantic on the same night - the first time such a thing had been tried. Several times in the past unofficial companies had produced inferior productions without permission, stealing the Savoy's thunder and an awful lot of profit before the real thing could be produced. The 'Perola' cloak was a useful way of keeping the atrical pirates at bay until authentic rehears als were all but complete. The Savoy management - splendidly led by Mr D'Oyly Carteplayed an elaborate game of bluff and double bluff with the British and American press. In the States, pirate companies were completely out-manouvered, while in London, the secrecy apparently surrounding the Savoy created a fever of excitement as opening night approached. When the curtain at last rose, on 25th November 1882, a great success was a foregone conclusion; and Mr D'Oyly Carte could cable news of it to New York before the piece began there.

Sullivan's work on the new opera began about the end of May 1882. His mother had just died and he threw himself into composing as a means of burying his grief. He took a great deal of time and trouble over Iolanthe, and over the summer criticized Gilbert for aspects of the plot and the lyrics with which he was dissatisfied. He had set a number of solo songs, the entrance of the Peers and the first act finale by the first week of August, and then went on strike. At the end of the month Gilbert reluctantly agreed to re-work a good deal of the rest.

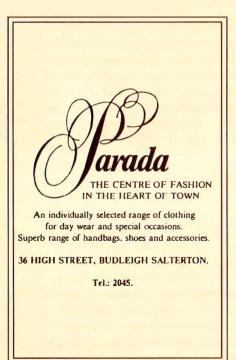
The piece was completed, bar orchestration, by late October but Sullivan still had serious reservations about the second act, which he thought too long, too dull, and too weak. On 27th October he both wrote and orchestrated a new quartet for Phyllis, the two Earls and the Sentry, which replaced a previous trio of devastating ineptitude ("I dislike you both extremely/ Boo-hoo, Boo-hoo, Boo-hoo-hoo"). Between one and four in the morning of November 6th he wrote and scored a new duet for Phyllis and Strephon in Act I, owing to Gilbert's decision to move their existing duet into Act II. He had farmed out the task of compiling an overture to his assistant Hamilton Clarke, but when he received it only four days before the premier was so unhappy with Clarke's work that he wrote one himself the night before the dress rehearsal. By this time there was of course no hope of getting it to America, and the musical director there received the terse cable "Act One. Overture. Write one yourself". An additional song for Iolanthe was cut outright.

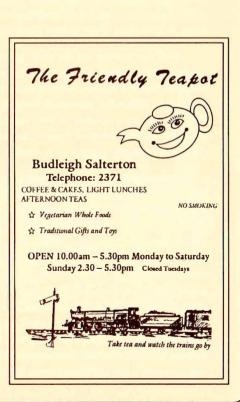
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Gilbert, who was always sensitive to personal criticism, was understandably peeved to find that most press critics after the first night agreed with Sullivan. His political satire was bearable where it was comparatively light; when it became heavier social comment almost at the expense of plot it was somehow out of place in a supposedly comic opera so the second act was pruned into the form we shall see tonight.

Sullivan, often criticized for 'wasting his time' on comic opera compelled most critics to agree that his care and skill in writing for the stage had reached their highest peak so far. His unique blend of melody, emotion and humour - to say nothing of his subtle ability to parody and charicature to make a dramatic point - carried the audience along as one. At least nine encores were taken on the first night. The audience was not to know that earlier that day his bank had gone out of business taking with it his life savings. His music for Iolanthe was born in one personal tragedy, and first given to the public in the midst of another; but in the mean time his own stage sense, as well as his skill had ensured the opera would join HMS Pinafore, The Pirates of Penzance and others in a very special place in the hearts of English-speaking people. Some of his critics said it wouldn't last. We know different.

Selwyn Tillett





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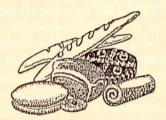
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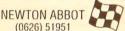
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