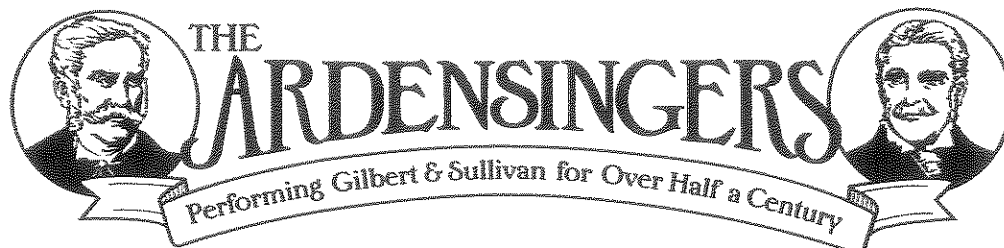


Lead Performers and Chorus Members Needed!



Arden Gild Hall, 2126 The Highway, Arden, Delaware

North of Wilmington, ~2 miles from I-95 at the Harvey Road exit

For directions or additional information: www.ardensingers.com

Our 2009 – 2010 Season:

“Pirates of Penzance”

April 23, 24, 29, 30 & May 1, 2010

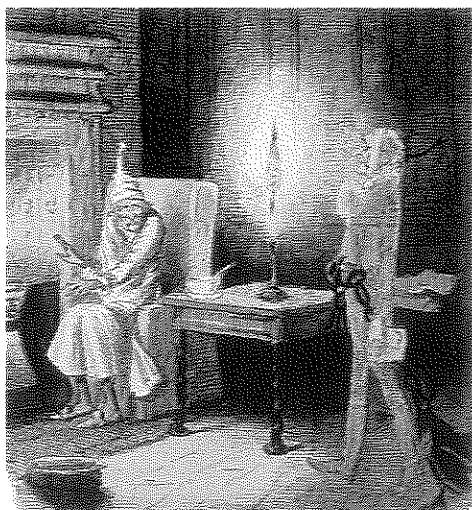
(This Robert C. Beavins adaptation of Gilbert & Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" features a notorious band of women pirates.)

- Pre-Auditions Sing-Through & Party:
- Fri. June 12, 2009 at 7:30pm, Arden Gild Hall

Try out some of the voice parts ahead of auditions in early October. For additional information and links to music and libretto, visit our website, www.ardensingers.com, E-mail us at ardensingers@gmail.com, or call (610) 399-6883.



The Pirates of Penzance story: In her youth, Phoebe was mistakenly apprenticed to the notorious band of women pirates, the Pirates of Penzance, by her tutor's aide Ralph (not "Rafe"), but she's determined to leave her indentures as she comes of age. The arrival of Major General Stanley with her many, and handsome, young wards leads to several interesting turns of event. Through it all, Phoebe and her new-found love, Mervyn, are guided by their sense of duty.



“A Gilbert & Sullivan Christmas Carol” and “Gift of the Magi”

Dec. 4, 5, 6, 18 & 19, 2009

In this lively adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol", Gayden Wren has incorporated many favorite G & S tunes, with revised lyrics, while remaining true to the spirit of the Dickens original. There are many named parts, including some for kids ages 10+. Auditions will be held for the major parts, and for performers new to the Ardensingers in late June. E-mail us at ardensingers@gmail.com, or call (610) 399-6883 to confirm your interest. Additional information and links to music are available from our website, www.ardensingers.com.

“Gift of the Magi” is a musical adaptation of O. Henry’s classic tale set around the turn of the 20th century. Della and Jim, a poor young couple, sacrifice their most valued possessions in order to provide Christmas gifts for one another, and discover the value of their love!

Practice and Performance Schedule: Ardensingers rehearsals are on Tuesday's and Friday's from 7:30 to 10pm at the Arden Gild Hall, starting sometime in September for the December show, and in late January for the Spring show. (We expect to average just one rehearsal per week for Christmas Carol, primarily Fridays) Performances are at 8PM, plus a 2PM matinee on the final Saturday. In the week before the show, there will be additional tech rehearsals / dress rehearsals. Note that the December show will actually be a joint production with Thespis, Etc., with the Ardensingers responsible for staging “Christmas Carol”. For those also interested in performing in “Gift of the Magi”, there will be separate practices held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Delaware County (UUCDC) in Media (more info soon). Our shows during the first weekend in December will take place at UUCDC, with remaining shows at the Gild Hall.

Sign-ups / Auditions: Students age 16+ are welcome. Some younger students will be needed for “Christmas Carol” (and for “Gift”). Younger students may be considered for “Pirettes”, particularly if they have a parent involved in the production.

Casting for the Spring show will be by formal audition, planned for the early October timeframe (U.S. mail & E-mail notification around Labor Day). Casting for the December show will be by committee, but with open auditions for some key roles, and for new Ardensingers members (late-June timeframe expected, E-mail notification only).

To insure that you receive all relevant information concerning these shows, please ask to be added to our auditions mailing list by contacting John Trexler (see listing below). If you have specific interest in one or more roles in G&S Christmas Carol and would like to make sure that the casting committee is aware of your interest, feel free to contact John at any time to register your interest.

Driving directions to the Arden Gild Hall are available from our website, www.ardensingers.com.

Auditions take ~10 minutes. One may audition for the chorus, or for one or more lead roles. Links are being added to our website for audition music and dialog for each part, along with more information concerning the show. (Chorus members are not required to audition if they have performed with the Ardensingers within the past couple of years.)

If you have more questions, contact:

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