

Sing high, sing low...

Singout!

In Celebration of
the 25th Anniversary of
the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Nova Scotia

duMaurier Hall, Neptune Theatre
Halifax, Nova Scotia

July 19-21, 2002

Registration Brochure



"To think that five and
25th
anniversary
2002
twenty years have elapsed"

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An Invitation...

We invite you to visit Halifax July 19–21, 2002, for a weekend of Gilbert & Sullivan as well as Maritime hospitality in our vacation paradise of Nova Scotia!

Our Singout will perform seven shows. This will allow us a relaxed schedule with plenty of time for socializing. We have arranged two interesting brief talks. Bruce Miller will speak on finding and reconstructing lost G&S songs such as "Reflect, My Child" from HMS *Pinafore*, and Leon Cole and Jacqui Good, popular radio show hosts, will share interesting G&S anecdotes and requests received by his national classical music request program, RSVP.

Dr. Walter Kemp, past chair of the Dalhousie University Music Department and former music director for our Society, is organizing a volunteer orchestra for our Saturday afternoon shows.

The Singout will be held in Neptune Theatre's duMaurier Hall, a five-year-old, air-conditioned theatre that seats 200 in tiered seating around three sides of the stage. The theatre is downtown and is surrounded by restaurants, bars and coffee shops. It is within walking distance of the waterfront and close to historic and cultural locations such as the Halifax Citadel, Public Gardens and Province House. Casino Nova Scotia is a short cab ride away. Most of the accommodations listed on pages 4–5 are within walking distance of the theatre.

We have already received applications from Eastern Canada and the Eastern and Southern United States and even one from a former Society member now living in Germany.

This is a great area for a family vacation before or after the Singout. Halifax is an easy drive to many beautiful ocean beaches. Great day trips can be made to the South Shore, Annapolis Valley and the Eastern Shore. Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and the State of Maine are all less than a five-hour drive away.

The favourable dollar exchange rate will make a vacation here even more affordable for American visitors.

This Singout is sponsored by the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Nova Scotia in honour of our 25th Anniversary, and we will do our best to ensure that you have a great time renewing old acquaintances and making new friends among G&Sers from all over.

Administrative Details

What is a Singout?

A Singout is an event in which a number of Gilbert & Sullivan shows are sung through (no overtures, incidental music or dialogue).

Our approach

We have chosen to do seven shows (please see tentative schedule on page 6). This will allow us to relax the pace of the weekend and make time for other social and G&S cultural activities.

Chorus

All participants are the chorus for each show. Bring your own music. However, for a refundable deposit of \$10, you can borrow *Iolanthe* and *Mikado* chorus books from the Singout Registration Desk at the theatre.

Music Directors and Piano Accompanists

They will be chosen from those who express interest by the deadline below. We are pleased with the response so far, but we can use more.

Lead Roles

Soloists will be selected from those who express interest, and we will try to allow many people an opportunity to be soloists. Soloists are encouraged to bring costumes and interpret their character.

Orchestra

A volunteer orchestra will be accompanying the *Mikado* and *Yeomen of the Guard* Saturday afternoon. Orchestra members will be expected to attend a rehearsal Saturday morning 10–noon.

Applications for Music Directors, Pianists, Orchestra and Leads

Applicants should specify show(s)/role(s) they would like to perform. (Orchestra requested to do *both* Sat. afternoon shows.) Please provide a brief outline of the roles you have performed in the seven selected shows on page 6 or, for orchestra, please state instrument, musical training and band or orchestra experience. These should be sent to Leo Weniger:

e-mail: gilbertandsullivanssingout@hotmail.com

mail: 504-1333 South Park Street, Halifax, NS B3J 2K9 Canada

Deadline May 10

for being considered as Music Director, Pianist, Orchestra or Lead (you can be more than one of these)

All participants must be paid registrants.

For registration details and the registration form, see pages 7 and 8.

Early registration ends June 1.

After that the late fee schedule will apply – see page 7 or page 8.

Cultural events

In addition to singing, we hope to provide opportunities to learn more about G&S. There will be two short talks, one by Bruce Miller, who found the lost song from HMS *Pinafore*, and one by Leon Cole, former CBC Radio host and G&S aficionado.

Nova Scotia tourist information

Please call 1-800-565-0000 and ask them to send you the Nova Scotia 2002 *Doers and Dreamers' Guide*. You can also try the websites www.exploreNS.com or www.novascotia.com.

Weather

Please note that even *if* it is hot during the day, it will be cool in the evening, so it would be wise to bring some warm clothes.

Accommodations

We are providing a number of options to match your budget and need for convenience. There are many hotels near our venue in downtown Halifax. Please note that other than at the University, a 15% tax is applicable. **At all locations please mention our group name: Gilbert and Sullivan Singout. Our block bookings expire June 15, so please book as soon as possible.** Halifax is busy in the summer, and we could only get a limited number of rooms in each hotel.

Lord Nelson Hotel (\$129 single or double): 1515 South Park Street. A beautifully restored hotel, a less than 10-minute walk from venue. \$7 per day extra for parking. Phone 1-800-565-2020.

Westin Nova Scotian Hotel (\$110 single or double): 1181 Hollis Street. A full-service hotel, a 15-minute walk from venue. \$9 per day for parking. Phone 1-877-993-7846.

Four Points by Sheraton Halifax (\$129 single or double): 1496 Hollis Street. Halifax's newest hotel, a five-minute walk from venue. Parking extra. Phone 1-866-444-9494.

Cambridge Suites (\$149 studio suite): 1583 Brunswick Street. An all-suites hotel less than five-minute walk from the venue. Parking is extra. Phone 1-888-417-8383

Chebucto Inn (\$75 single or double): 6151 Lady Hammond Road. A standard motel with drive-up units, a 15-minute drive to venue. It is on a bus route that takes you to 1 block from the venue. It has a restaurant/bar which is our Society's favourite watering hole. Phone 1-800-268-4330

O'Brien Hall, Dalhousie University (\$39 single, \$59 double. Includes tax, breakfast, parking and use of athletic complex): 5217 Morris Street 5–10 minute walk from theatre. Standard dorm rooms, shared bath, **no air conditioning** (but you probably won't need any). Phone (902) 494-8840 and quote our group name and group number: RMS# 1751.

Fenwick Place, Dalhousie University (\$56; furnished 2-bedroom apartment, includes tax.) 5599 Fenwick Street. Student apartments with 3 beds. Order kitchen utensils at time of booking. Parking extra. **No air conditioning.** Phone (902) 494-8840 and quote our group name and group number: RMS# 1751.

Sunday Brunch

Our closing event will be brunch at Mother Tucker's, within walking distance from our venue and very close to the waterfront. They have an excellent brunch buffet at a reasonable \$15 including tax. In addition to a made-to-order omelette and pasta bar, there are the usual hot and cold breakfast foods, carved roast beef and other hot lunch dishes, salad bar and desserts. Brunch will start at 11:00 am. We have to tell the restaurant how many are coming, so please complete the Brunch portion on the Registration Form on page 6 if you are likely to "do" this Brunch.

Transportation

Please note that Halifax International Airport is a 30-minute drive from the Theatre and hotels. In addition to taxis and limos there are two alternatives. Airbus leaves the Airport every 30-60 minutes (varies with time of day) and stops at our hotels (except Chebucto Inn). Cost is \$12 one way, \$20 return. Please call (902) 873-2091 for schedule. "A Sunshine Share-a-Cab" (1-800-565-8669) is a cheaper alternative to taxis and cheaper than Airbus for a group. (Book at least a day in advance).

Tentative Schedule

Friday, July 19

	6:00	Registration
Fri. eve. package	7:00	Welcome Guest Speaker: Bruce I. Miller: "Reflections on 'Reflect, My Child' and Other Lost Songs"
		<i>Trial By Jury</i> <i>Iolanthe</i>
	10:30	Wine & Cheese " <i>Wine when it runs in abundance enhances...</i> "

Saturday, July 20

Sat. day package	9:00	Continental Breakfast " <i>Now for the muffin and toast ..</i> "
	10:00	Guest Speakers: Jacqui Good and Leon Cole, formerly of CBC Radio: "Gilbert & Sullivan Treats (GST): Favourite G&S letters and Anecdotes from the request radio show 'RSVP'"
	10:00–noon	Orchestra rehearsal
	10:30	<i>Pirates of Penzance.</i>
	12:00	Lunch (off site on your own)
	1:30	<i>The Mikado</i> with orchestra <i>Yeomen of the Guard</i> with orchestra
Sat. eve. package	5:00	Dinner (off site on your own)
	7:00	<i>Ruddigore</i> <i>The Gondoliers</i>
	10:30	Cast Party " <i>Eat, aye and drink, be merry I implore you</i> "

Sunday, July 21

	11:00	Buffet Brunch (Mother Tucker's) " <i>Now to the Buffet We Press</i> "
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NB: Program order of shows is subject to change. Location of Wine and Cheese and Cast Party to be confirmed, but both will be off site and nearby.

Registration Information

Registration fees are payable in Canadian dollars by cheque or money order to **Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Nova Scotia**. Please register early using the registration form on the next page.

Fee Schedule

To accommodate those who can only attend a portion of the Singout, we are offering partial registration fees. Fees will be higher for those who register after June 1. All fees are in Canadian dollars.

	Before June 1	After June 1
Full Registration	\$50	\$65
Partial Registration		
Friday evening	\$20	\$25
Saturday daytime	\$25	\$30
Saturday evening	\$20	\$25

Only persons with appropriately coded registration badges will be admitted to the theatre and social event locations.

Full Registration includes admission to all singout sessions, Friday night wine and cheese reception, Saturday morning continental breakfast, Saturday night cast party (cash bar) and participants list.

Partial Registration includes admission to singout sessions and social events during the time period paid for and participants list.

Sunday Brunch

Please indicate on the form the number of people likely to attend the brunch on Sunday at 11:00 am at Mother Tucker's (cost per person \$15 including tax). We need to know how much space to reserve at the restaurant.

Participants List

As part of the package you will receive on arrival, we will be providing a list of all participants including names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses. If you *don't* want your name on the participants list, please indicate so on the registration form.

For more information, we can be reached at gilbertandsullivansingout@hotmail.com or by calling (902)425-3392.

Registration Form

Please print the information requested below and mail your registration to:

Halifax Singout, 504-1333 South Park Street

Halifax, NS B3J 2K9 Canada

with a cheque or money order in Canadian funds payable to:

Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Nova Scotia

Registration for 1 person per form, please.

Name: _____

Address _____ Apt: _____

City _____ Prov/state _____ Country _____

Postal/code _____ Home Phone (____) _____

E-mail address _____

Vocal range (circle): Soprano Alto Tenor Bass

Payment enclosed for: Before June 1 After June 1

Full Registration \$50 _____ \$65 _____

Partial Registration

Fri eve. (incl. wine & cheese) \$20 _____ \$25 _____

Sat day (incl. breakfast) \$25 _____ \$30 _____

Sat eve. (incl. cast party) \$20 _____ \$25 _____

Total enclosed \$ _____ \$ _____

● Sunday Brunch: I plan to attend the brunch at Mother Tucker's
(cost \$15) _____ + _____ guests

● I do ___ do not ___ want my information printed on the
participants list.

For office use only: Date paid _____ Amount _____