

Savoyardage

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON SAVOYARDS, LTD.



A Presidential Address

Welcome 2017! 2016 started a significant change amongst our organization: we said, "Bye, for now!" to several long-time board members who remain with us in advisory and volunteer capacities and welcomed four completely new members and two familiar faces to the board! In January, we celebrated the release of our *Gondoliers* DVDs & BlueRays with a screening at Rocky Rococo's. Attendees had a chance to reunite and watch the show while eating pizza! We hope to make this an annual event!

The generosity of our members and donors have helped us raise just over \$8,000 by the end of 2016, thank you! We do still have a ways to go in our fundraising efforts for 2017. Our orchestra is one of our crowning glories each summer, and approximates \$16,000 of our budget. We want to continue to support the growing talents of our casts with a strong, vibrant orchestra of the highest professionalism which means we need

further help underwriting these talents. We are pleased to announce *H.M.S. Pinafore* as our summer show, under the direction of Audrey Wax, music direction of Kyle Knox, and choreography of Kristin Rolling.

If you would like to help underwrite our production costs, let's sit down and have a cup of coffee, and I can share with you how you can impact our Three P's in a Pod: Pinafore, Primrose, and Patter! -Dr. J. Adam Sehlton

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A VOCAL GALA FUNDRAISER
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Patter Gala

February 17th at Brink Lounge
6:45 Pre-show mingle; 7:30 Show
Tickets: \$30, or \$100 for a table of 4!

Enjoy patter-style songs, from G&S to modern musicals with a few optional sing-a-longs. A big thanks to Brink Lounge for providing an intimate performance venue. We would like to encourage you to order drinks and food to enjoy during the event.

Primrose

or *The Town Time Left Behind*
May 19th-21st
Play Circle Theatre - UW Memorial Union

This spring, we will be producing a staged original American operetta in the style of G&S, dealing with themes of elections, politicians, probability, relationships, baseball, and indoor plumbing.

HMS Pinafore

or *The Lass That Loved a Sailor*
July 28th-30th & August 3rd-6th
*ASL can be requested for July 29th performance
UW-Music Hall

The well-loved story of the captain's daughter who loves a lowly sailor against her father's wishes. Gilbert's lyrics poke fun at the class system, patriotism, party-politics, the Royal Navy, and unqualified people in positions of authority.

Pre-Show Dinners

Fridays July 28 and August 4

Follow us on Facebook to get all the details as they become available.

UPCOMING EVENTS Cont.

Children's Events

HMS Pinafore Free Children's Pre-Show

July 30 at 1pm at UW Music Hall
Open to children 12 and under & their families

Children's Theatre Workshop - July

Follow us on Facebook for the latest news and updates. More details will be coming soon!

MSL - Annual Meeting

September 17 - save the date, more details will be provided closer to the date. Please attend and help us plan for 2018!



Thank You!

The Board wants to thank all who have been a part of Madison Savoyards, Ltd. over the years and those who continue to help us in advisory roles. We couldn't do it without you!

Join the Board

Interested in sharing your time with Madison Savoyards, Ltd.? We are always on the look-out for talented individuals to join the board, see our website for more details: madisonsavoyards.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Currently, the board is looking for a volunteer bookkeeper. More information is available on our website: madisonsavoyards.org. Please contact Julia Melzer at julia.melzer@madisonsavoyards.org if you're interested.

Short on time? We can always use some extra hands sewing, lifting, building, and distributing flyers and advertisements! Interested volunteers should contact: adam.shelton@madisonsavoyards.org or follow us on Facebook.



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From the Wisconsin Arts Board

"If we are seeking in America, let it be for the reality of democracy in the arts. Let art begin at home and let it spread through the children and the parents, and through the schools and the institutions, and through government. And let us start by acceptance, not negation-acceptance that the arts are important everywhere, and that they can exist and flourish in small places as well as large, with money or without it, according to the will of the people. Let us put firmly and permanently aside the cliché that the arts are a frill. Let us accept the goodness of art where we are now, and expand its worth in the places where people live."

-- Robert E. Gard, Professor Emeritus of Community Theatre, University of Wisconsin



Thank You to the Wisconsin Arts Board!

Madison Savoyards Ltd. is a proud recipient of the Wisconsin Arts Board 2017 Creation and presentation grant! The Wisconsin Arts Board is the state agency which nurtures creativity, cultivates expression, promotes the arts, and supports the arts in education. We are so grateful for their programs that assist and encourage art activities in Wisconsin!



On Sunday, January 30, Jim Cain passed away suddenly. Our hearts go out to his family.

Jim was a long-time supporter of The Madison Savoyards over the years. He first became active with us in '02, progressed to serving on the board in '08, and served as Board President from '10 until '14. His guiding principles during his tenure with us were to maintain and improve the quality of productions, and he was a tireless advocate for promoting MSL.

To that end, Jim spent most Saturday mornings of the summer out stumping for the latest production, on the sunny South West corner of the Madison Farmer's Market. Countless people there were drawn in by his infectious smile, and charmed by his good humor and obvious love for MSL.

He will be greatly missed. We will pay tribute to him at our Patter Gala by singing *Long Day Closes* by Henry Fothergill Chorley set by Arthur Sullivan. His memorial is Sunday afternoon, March 19, 2017 at the Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa St.; Madison, WI.



*The lighted windows dim
Are fading slowly.
The fire that was so trim
Now quivers lowly.
Go to the dreamless bed
Where grief reposes;
Thy book of toil is read,
The long day closes.*

-From *Long Day Closes*

HMS Pinafore 2017



Top Row: Stage Director- Audrey Lauren Wax, Musical Director- Kyle Knox, Choreographer- Kristin Rolling
Second Row: Alec Brown, Daniel O’Dea, Deanna Martinez, Don Dexter, Emily Melo
Third Row: Emma Everitt, Erin Bryan, Jeremiah Gile, Julia Ludwiczak, Kirsten Larson
Fourth Row: Natalie Falconer, Nicholas A. Damiano, Rebecca Buechel, Sara Wojtak, Vivian Washington
Not Pictured: Richard Schonberg, Cherry Brown, Olivia Boyd, Mirand Beadle, Matthew Beecher, Fred Younger, Glen Barrett, Randy Schumann, Brian Webb, Keith Christianson

We are excited to welcome back the fantastic directorial team behind the 2016 production, *The Gondoliers*.

Additional auditions will be held in March! We are still looking for Captain Corcoran (baritone), a soprano, a mezzo and two bass. All cast members are paid with a percentage of net ticket sales. Reach out to adam.shelton@madison-savoyards.org

Renew Your Membership

I wish to join or renew my membership for 2017 at the following level:

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Order your copy of the 2016's *The Gondoliers*

In addition to my charitable contribution, I would like to purchase ____ DVDs (\$20) and ____ Blu-Rays (\$25) of *The Gondoliers*. All prices include sales tax, please add \$5 to your order for shipping. www.madisonsavoyards.org

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