

INVITATION TO A VIRTUAL *TRIAL BY JURY*

Regrettably, the coronavirus emergency prevents MYPT from holding in-person rehearsals and performances this summer. But we still hope to produce a Gilbert & Sullivan show! We plan to rehearse remotely with Zoom or similar platforms and to record the G&S one act operetta, *Trial By Jury*. We hope anyone who will be in fourth grade through high school in the fall and would enjoy being part of a Gilbert & Sullivan show will join us this summer!

Please Note: You only need to “try out” if you want an individual part. Otherwise, you may simply join general rehearsal on July 2 and participate in the chorus.

Important If you plan to join the general rehearsal without trying out for a part, email to let us know you want to join so we can send you a Zoom invitation for the rehearsal.

Tryouts: You may try out either at the Zoom tryouts or by recording a tryout song and emailing a copy of the recording or a link to it (you don't need to do both).

Zoom tryouts: Thursday, June 25, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
 Saturday, June 27, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Important Send an email to let us know you wish to have a Zoom tryout and on which day. You will receive a Zoom meeting invitation and an email with an indicated time when you should plan to join the meeting. Please be patient if you remain in the waiting room briefly.

You are responsible for your accompaniment – a recorded accompaniment is recommended. If you cannot arrange this, indicate so in your email. An accompaniment to the national anthem will be sent to use for your tryout song.

Pre-recorded tryout: Make a recording of your tryout song with a brief introduction of yourself and your show experience. By email, submit either a copy of the recording or a link to it (YouTube private links can be used for this). The copy or link must be submitted no later than Saturday, June 27.

If all else fails: If you simply cannot make the Zoom tryouts and cannot arrange to submit a recorded tryout song, email us to indicate the problem. We will try to work something out.

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 Please note the English spelling of theatre

Tryout Music:

For a tryout, you may choose any song you feel shows off your vocal range and ability well. A selection from a Gilbert & Sullivan show is highly recommended to demonstrate your range and ability with this type of music.

Schedule:

As noted above, the first general rehearsal will be on Thursday, July 2, starting at 6:00 pm. It will be held over Zoom. *As also noted above, if you do not try out for a part but want to participate in the chorus, please email us so we can send you a Zoom invitation to the general rehearsal.*

The reserved rehearsal times are 6:00 – 9:00 pm on Thursday evenings and 9:00 am – noon on Saturdays during July and August. Everyone will not be needed for all of these times. A schedule will be developed of the days and times when individual people are called for rehearsal. It is anticipated that Zoom will be the primary platform for rehearsals. It is possible other platforms could be explored if more convenient for some participants.

Show Music:

The vocal score of *Trial By Jury* is available to be downloaded, without charge, at: https://gsarchive.net/trial/vocal_score/tbj_vs.html
Accompaniment tracks for rehearsals will be distributed or made available as needed.

Performance:

There will be no live performance. The video recorded show will be made available on media yet to be determined. These will likely include individual copies for cast and families, showing over YouTube or other vehicles or other types of distribution. Information will be made available when this has been determined.

Registration:

Registration materials will be emailed or otherwise made available to cast members following the first general rehearsal. The materials must be filled out and returned in order for a cast member to be registered and eligible to continue participating in the program. There is no participation fee this year.

This is a new endeavor for everyone, so please plan to be flexible and patient. We trust, though, that it will be a lot of fun and a chance for everyone to meet and work together, at least virtually. We look forward to having you join us this year!

Sincerely,

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