

## MYPT's 2024 Production



## IOLANTHE

For the 2024 season, the Methuen Young People's Theatre will produce Gilbert & Sullivan's popular operetta, *Iolanthe*. The show is a lot of fun as fairy magic is pitted against the stodgy English aristocracy! As the show opens, the Fairy Queen yields to the wishes of her fairy band and allows their beloved sister, Iolanthe, to return from the banishment she has suffered since bearing the child of a mortal. Her son, Strephon, who is half fairy and half mortal, vies with the Lord Chancellor and other lords for the hand of Phyllis, a young lady Strephon adores. The lords enter the forest, encounter the fairies and arrogantly take them for lady seminarians. Fairy curses rain down on both legislative houses – with fairy power electing Strephon to parliament and requiring every bill he proposes to pass! Romantic confusion enters in, too, as Phyllis and a group of lords oversee Strephon together with Iolanthe who, as a fairy, does not age and looks to be a lovely young woman. Everyone is sure she must be his lover, not his mother! Rest assured, though, that all entanglements are resolved and the enjoyable comedy and wonderful music lead once more to a happy ending for everyone.

Our performances for the 2024 season are:

Friday, Sept. 6	7:00 pm
Saturday, Sept. 7	7:00 pm
Sunday, Sept. 8	3:00 pm.

Ticket prices are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12.

All performances will be at the Methuen Memorial Music Hall  
192 Broadway (Route 28), Methuen.

*Depending on cast size, a matinee performance may be added at 2:00 pm on Saturday, Sept. 7.*

