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Argument

Act I

The people of the tropical island paradise of Utopia have demanded that their king, Paramount, modernize their society. They have chosen as their model the society of Victorian England. In compliance with the emphatic wish of his subjects, the King has launched a program of modernization, banning the Utopian language and sending for his daughters who have been living in England. There are those with misgivings: Tarara, the Public Exploder—whose job it is, upon advice of the two Wise Men (Judges of the Utopian court), to blow up the King on the first sign of misconduct (a form of government known as Despotism tempered by Dynamite) and the two Wise Men themselves, Scaphio and Phantis, who are comfortable in their power over the King and their profitable control of the economy.

The two younger daughters of the King arrive, accompanied by their formidable English governess, Lady Sophy, who uses the twins to demonstrate how proper English ladies should behave. The King is himself quite smitten with Lady Sophy, but her haughty hesitation is fueled by the shocking stories of his conduct she has read in *The Palace Peeper*—stories which have been written by the King himself at the order of Scaphio and Phantis. Next, Princess Zara arrives, attended by the First Life Guards who are commanded by the handsome Captain Fitzbattleaxe who is clearly in love with her. Scaphio and Phantis are both in love with Zara as well and intend to use their power over the king to obtain her. The Captain skillfully uses their quarrel over which of them is to marry the princess to convince them to hand the princess over to him for safe keeping until they decide, by duel, who shall gain her. Since Zara and Fitz are sure that neither of the Wise Men would risk his life for Zara, they feel their love is quite safe.

Finally the "Flowers of Progress" that Zara has brought with her from England arrive. These six men, who represent the various facets of all that is English, are: Captain Fitzbattleaxe, representing England's invincible army might; Sir Bailey Barre, the brilliant lawyer who can win any case; Lord Dramaleigh, who can purge immorality from court and theatre; Councilor Blushington, the urban reformer, Mr Goldbury, the financial wizard; and that symbol of England's rule of the waves, Captain Corcoran, whom we remember from H.M.S. Pinafore. All introduce themselves and give suggestions as to how Utopia can become more like England. The first suggestion to be implemented is from Goldbury, who recommends that Utopia be turned into a joint-stock company with limited liability.

Act II

The blossoming romance between Zara and the Captain has taken its toll on the latter's singing prowess, but love soothes them both. The Flowers have been very successful with their reforms, and the King proposes to celebrate with appropriately English ceremonies. The first is a Cabinet Council meeting of the King with his six advisors, conducted in the manner of a minstrel-show routine. This is followed by a Drawing Room, an elegant affair for the newly anglicized Utopian elite. Scaphio and Phantis protest all the changes, which undermine their corrupt schemes, but the King stymies them with the new intricacies of corporate law, leaving the two Wise Men to conspire with Tarara. Dramaleigh and Goldbury flirt successfully with Nekaya and Kalyba (the King's younger daughters), while the King and Lady Sophy discover they can clear away all obstacles to their love.

Scaphio, Phantis and Tarara lead a mob of Utopians who protest that the reforms have succeeded to a fault, producing a society too perfect to function. Zara saves the day by recognizing the necessary element of balance previously forgotten: government by political parties. With the adjustment from Monarchy, Limited to Limited Monarchy, all can be ended happily with praise for England as the model of perfection.

Musical Numbers

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Overture	Orchestra	
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	Act 1	
In lazy languor	Phylla, Women's Chorus	
O make way for the Wise Men		
In every mental lore	Scaphio, Phantis, Chorus	
Let all your doubts take wing	Scaphio, Phantis	
	Women's Chorus	
	King, Chorus	
Although of native maids the cream	Nekaya, Kalyba	
	Lady Sophy, Chorus	
	King, Scaphio, Phantis	
Subjected to your heavenly gaze	King, Lady Sophy	
	. Zara, Fitzbattleaxe, First Life Guards, Chorus	
Ah, gallant soldier	Zara, Fitzbattleaxe, Chorus	
	Zara, Fitzbattleaxe, Scaphio, Phantis	
	Zara, Fitzbattleaxe	
Finale: Although your Royal summons t	o appear Full Ensemble	
	rmission	
Captain Sir Dawned Coronnel II 3A Present Dave Baltes		
Parter Ma		
A tenor, all singers above		
	Zara, Fitzbattleaxe	
Society has quite forsaken	King, Blushington, Dramaleigh, Barre,	
	Fitzbattleaxe, Goldbury, Corcoran	
Entrance of Court	Orcnestra	
Drawing Room Music	Orchestra	
Eagle high on cloudland soaring	King, Chorus	
	Scaphio, Phantis	
If you think that when banded	King, Scaphio, Phantis	

With wily brain Tarara, Scaphio, Phantis

Then I may sing and play? Nekaya, Kalyba, Dramaleigh, Goldbury

When but a maid Lady Sophy

Finale: There's a little group of isles Full Ensemble

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The Cast (in order of appearance)

Phylla (a Utopian Maiden)	Chris Munger
Calynx (the Utopian Vice-Chamberlain)	Dave Baltes
Salata (a Utopian Maiden)	
Melene (a Utopian Maiden)	
Tarara (the Public Exploder)	Paul Bushland
Scaphio (Judge of the Utopian Court)	Shawn Sheehy
Phantis (Judge of the Utopian Court)	John Hyland
King Paramount the First	John Kruse
The Princess Nekaya	Myra Tishkoff
The Princess Kalyba	Anne Seaton
Lady Sophy (an English Gouvernante)	Terry Kiss Frank
The Princess Zara	Sandy Thurow
Captain Fitzbattleaxe	David Gagnon
Sir Bailey Barre, Q.C., M.P.	Tom Robbins
Lord Dramaleigh (a Lord Chamberlain)	John Kjentvet
Mr Blushington (of the County Council)	Brian Beecher
Mr Goldbury (a Company Promoter)	Thor Gesteland
Captain Sir Edward Corcoran, K.C.B.	Dave Baltes

Chorus of Utopian Men and Women

Bill Bremmer, Clare Boulanger, Frances Chewning, Jennifer Christensen, John Paul Croake, Jason Forsythe, Michael Gillis, Judson Harmon, Sandy Hendrickson, Patti Hertel, Scott Hurlbert, Josh Kapfer, Tom Lawrence, Maia Nystrum, Kelly Offerdahl, Sue Phillips, Alisa Stamps, Bart Terrell, Glen Ulmer, Carol Wright, Rebecca Wright, Erin Young, Liza Roberson-Young

Troopers of the First Life Guards

David Baltes, Jason Forsythe, Thor Gesteland, Michael Gillis, Josh Kapfer, John Kjentvet, Tom Lawrence, Tom Robbins

Solid Goldbury Dancers

Brian Beecher, David Gagnon, John Kjentvet, Tom Robbins

Debutantes

Clare Boulanger, Frances Chewning, Jennifer Christensen, Patty Hertel, Kelly Offerdahl, Alisa Stamps, Erin Young, Liza Roberson-Young (Bart Terrell, Juggler)

Savoyards Orchestra

Violin

Eric Lee, Concertmaster Greg Austin Carol Kalvonjian Sean O'Neill Elizabeth Sneyd Kristian Svennevig

Viola

John Ravwan, principle Beth Getman

Violincello

Anton Tenwolde, principle Jane Ferenz

Bass

Peter Gibeau

Flute

Tina Kakuske Susannah Watling

Oboe

Jill Rupnow

Clarinet

David Gibbs, principle Katie Sacksteder

Bassoon

Kate Hale, principle Jay Vichow

French Horn

Dana Christensen, principle David Kolo

Trumpet

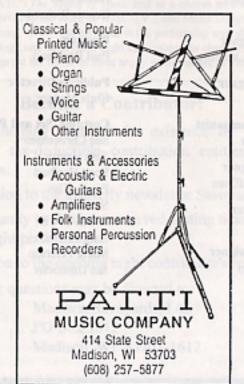
Lath Freymiller, principle Nancy Boyle

Trombone

Brian Hill, principle Michael Allsen Steve Ash

Percussion

Greg Hinz



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Electrician's Assistant Jim Schaefer

Houseman Dennis Richards

Program Paul Bushland

Publicity Director Chris Munger

Costume, Set and Props Crews Sue Christensen Tess Hauser Scott Hurlbert

Peggy Kiss Sue Lantz Karen Lewis Judy Peterson Marie Peterson Jan Umhoefer

Cast Biographies

Dave Baltes has been active in community theatre for over thirty years. Although this is his first performance with the Savoyards, he has performed with many Madison area companies including Madison Opera, CTM, Madison Theatre Guild, MATC, Oregon Straw Hat Players, and Beaver Dam Community Theatre. Some of his previous shows have been Shining Brow, A Little Night Music, To Kill a Mockingbird, Fiddler on the Roof, South Pacific, 1776, The Globolinks, Guys and Dolls, 110 in the Shade, and Teahouse of the August Moon. Dave is also a proud member of the Madison Opera Showcase.

Brian Beecher, a newcomer to the Savoyards, is a senior at the UW-Madison majoring in Music Performance. He most recently performed with the University's show choir, Wisconsin Singers and previously traveled with the Kids from Wisconsin for two years. Brian has performed with the UW-Madison Chamber singers and will be performing with the Concert Choir. He has previously sung Gilbert and Sullivan for the Rock County Historical Society in the Tallman Arts Festival and A Town Hall Christmas Party.

This is Paul Bushland's first principal role with the Madison Savoyards, although he has appeared in the chorus of Savoyard productions of Ruddygore, The Mikado, Patience, Trial by Jury and The Sorcerer. He has also been on the Board of Directors for three years, serving one year as secretary and producing the program the past three years. A student at the UW-Madison, majoring in Nuclear Engineering, Math and Physics, Paul also performs with the UW Concert Choir, UW Choral Union and the Festival Choir of Madison.

Terry Kiss Frank has participated in every Savoyards show since 1984, beginning with her role as Phoebe in Yeoman of the Guard. She is delighted to return in an on-stage capacity after taking 1992 to "only" serve as Costume Assistant and Production Coordinator. Terry was most recently seen as the Mother Abbess in MATC's The Sound of Music and as a chorus member in Madison Opera's Shining Brow. She also serves as the voice of WISC-TV 3 and Music Director of Memorial United Church of Christ in Fitchburg. When not involved in the performing arts, she enjoys spending time inside and out with three dogs, one canary and eight cats (subject to change), and her husband, Boris Frank (not subject to change) at her home on three soggy acres outside of Paoli.

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Madison Savoyards, Ltd. PO Box 1612 Madison, WI 53701-1612 David Gagnon recently appeared in the World Premier of Madison Opera's Shining Brow in the role of First Draftsman. Savoyard audiences will remember David from his previous appearances as Alexis in The Sorcerer, a Chorister in The Mikado, and a performer in the Savoyard's Live From the Elvehjem program. Some of David's other roles include Tony in West Side Story, Hortensio in Kiss Me Kate, and Gaston in La Traviata. David is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in voice at the UW-Madison and is a student of Lois Fisher.

Thor Gesteland is currently finishing his B.M. in voice at the UW-Madison under Ilona Kombrink. He was in the chorus of last year's *Trial* and *Sorcerer*. Thor acted with the Madison Theatre Guild in *Cinderella* and was in the UW's productions of *Four Saints in Three Acts*, *Cabaret*, and *Gianni Schiechi*.

John Hyland returns to our stage for his sixth Savoyards' production. Previous appearances for John have included portrayals of Pooh-Bah in The Mikado and John Wellington Wells in last year's The Sorcerer. He is also on the Savoyards' Board of Directors, having been president from 1988 through 1992. John is an attorney with Hurley, Burish and Milliken in Madison and is also on the board of directors for the Festival Choir of Madison, and Opera for the Young.

This is John Kjentvet's first role with the Madison Savoyards, although he has appeared in the chorus of both *The Mikado* and *Patience*. He has also appeared in several Madison Opera productions including *Gianni Schiechi* in which he sang the role of Gerardo. John performs with many community choruses as well, including the Madison Chamber Choir, Madison Symphonic Chorus and the UW-Madison Choral Union. John is a Director with Cress Funeral Services, Inc.

A Gilbert and Sullivan fan for decades, John Kruse has been singing with Madison Savoyards since 1984. John's roles with the Savoyards have included the Grand Inquisitor, Dick Deadeye, Private Willis, the Mikado, and Sir Marmaduke. He has also sung with CTM productions in the roles of Tevye, Professor Digory, and The Spirit of Christmas Present. John is the pastor of Calvary United Methodist Church, husband of Ginny Moore Kruse, and (like King Paramount) the father of three daughters.

Chris Munger has been involved with Savoyards in some fashion since her first appearance in the chorus of Ruddygore. She has served on the Board of Directors, and been publicity director for the past four years. Chris has studied voice with Ruth Horrall for two years. Before moving to Madison, Chris was involved in theatre and music in her hometown, Janesville. She was active in both choir and band while pursuing her BS in Behavioral Disabilities at the UW-Madison. In her spare time, she sings with the UW-Madison Choral Union, Festival Choir and in the African/tropical dance band Mighty Vumba.

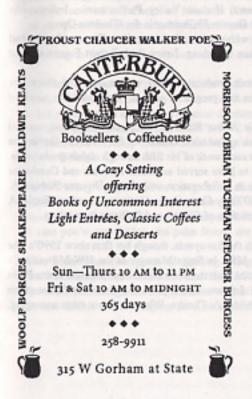
This is Tom Robbins' debut performance on the Madison stage since his arrival in August of 1991 to pursue graduate studies. Tom recently completed a Master's Degree in Arts Administration at the UW-Madison and now serves as the Director of Marketing for the Madison Civic Music Association. He hails from the great state of Iowa where he worked as a production assistant on the motion picture Field of Dreams. Tom's undergraduate training was at Central College in Pella, Iowa where he performed the roles of Benny Southstreet in Guys and Dolls, Nanki Poo in The Mikado, Luiz in The Gondoliers and, his favorite, Sir Joseph Porter in H.M.S. Pinafore.

Anne Seaton has been a student of voice for many years; her current teacher is Patricia Crump from Milwaukee. You may recognize Anne from her performance of Angelina in last year's production of Trial by Jury. She has also performed with both Madison Opera and UW Opera. Next year is starting to fill up already. Some of the shows you can expect to see Anne in include Candide and Aida. She will also be singing with the Madison Opera Showcase Singers. Anne has wonderful hopes of grandeur which Savoyards is helping to launch.

Shawn Sheehy has been performing ever since he played MacBeth in sixth grade. Some of his previous roles have included Frederick in *The Sound of Music*, Higgins in *My Fair Lady* and Bill Sykes in *Oliver*. Shawn has just recently moved into the Madison community—his only other show in the area so far has been *Godspell* with CTM.

Sandra Thurow, a soubrette coloratura, holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from the UW-Eau Claire and a Master's Degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Texas at Austin where she served as a teaching assistant. Sandra is currently Artist/Instructor of voice at the Wausau Conservatory of Music and is choir director at Immanual Lutheran Church in Wausau. She has performed on the Wisconsin Public Radio series Live from the Elvehjem and appeared in a variety of musical and operatic roles including Despina in Cost Fan Tutte, Gretel in Hansel and Gretel, Tuptim in The King and I and Patience in Gilbert and Sullivan's Patience (for which she was nominated as the outstanding lead actress by the Austin Circle of Theatres).

Myra Tishkoff is a graduate student in communicative disorders at the UW-Madison. She hopes to pursue a career as a speech pathologist specializing in voice disorders while also pursuing further vocal training and eventually obtaining a Masters of Music degree. As an undergraduate at Ohio University, in addition to carrying a full course load in hearing and speech sciences, she studied voice and participated in Ohio University's Opera Theatre. Most recently she performed in a production of Oklahoma and played Eliza Doolittle in her hometown of Cleveland, Ohio.





Staff Biographies

John Carle (JC) began his G&S career in New York as the "patter man" for Dorothy Raedler's American Savoyards. The New York Times cited him as being "a master of the Gilbert and Sullivan patter roles." His first appearance in Madison was at the Civic Center, appearing with Gilbert and Sullivan a la Carte as part of a Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra Series. When the national touring Gloriana Productions, Ltd. played Madison, JC portrayed Sir Joseph Porter (Pinafore) and Major General Stanley (Pirates). His work with the Savoyards includes the Duke of Plaza Toro (Gondoliers), the Lord Chancellor (Iolarthe) and Sir Joseph Porter (Pinafore) for which he was also stage director. JC also acted as stage director for Ruddygore and The Mikado. Utopia Limited marks his sixth production with Savoyards. JC's radio show "The World of G&S" (WMNR-Connectict) is now in its ninth year.

David Lewis Crosby is an award-winning conductor for orchestra, opera, chorus and ballet performances in the United States and abroad and serves as Artistic Director adn Conductor of the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra. He has conducted over 100 recordings for television, radio, film and record; and concert rours of Europe, Scandanavian countries and Japan as well as throughout the United States.

Maestro Crosby has served as Music Director of New York's Gloriana Opera and the Festival Choir, and guest conductor for the national Moravian Music Festivals and Skylight Comic Opera's productions in Milwaukee's Pabst Theatre. He has also conducted members of the Minnesota Orchestra and the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra for National Public Radio recordings and members of the NY Chamber Orchestra, Florida Orchestra, Hudson Valley Philharmonic, Indianapolis Symphony, Connecticut Chamber Orchestra and Dayton Philharmonic for Gloriana Opera.

He received his advanced conducting training with celebrated maestro Otto-Werner Mueller and has worked with conductors Robert Shaw, William Steinberg, James Paul, Robert Fountain, Alec Wyton and Vance George.

Mr. Crosby is also a noted composer and music producer, having written over 100 scores for films and for national television and radio series and programs, several of which have received distinguished awards.

He grew up in New York City, and (like Sir Arthur Sullivan!) received his earliest musical training as a professional chorister: at New York's Cathedral Church of St. John the Devine he performed thirteen services and twelve rehearsals each week of his fifth through eighth grade years. He is one of a handful of American conductors to have served as Music Director and Conductor for the complete Gilbert and Sullivan repertory in collaboration with Stage Director Robera A. Gibson, former Director of Productions for the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, London, England, which premiered the Savoy Operas under the direction of Gilbert and Sullivan themselves.

This is Vickle Burcham's fourth production with the Savoyards, though her first since 1990's *The Mikado*. Since that time, she has completed her MFA in Stage Manager at the UW-Milwaukee's Professional Theatre Training Program; apprenticed with the Milwaukee Rep; interned at the Pabst Theatre and the Madison Rep; stage managed for two summers at the Colorado Shakespeare Festival; and, toured with the Great American Children's Theatre. When she's not stage managing, she enjoys sleeping.

Karen Brown Larimore is in her fifth year of designing costumes for the Savoyards. Her designs have been seen in many shows in the Madison area, including her favorites - The Beauty and the Beast, Amadeus, The Merry Widow and the Savoyards' own The Mikado. On the national level, Karen has designed costumes for, among others, the New York touring company of Les Miserables.

Laurie Jerrick is honored to be working for the first time with The Madison Savoyards. After obtaining her BA degree in Theatre from Temple University in Philadelphia, she had the pleasure of working with many regional theatre companies, and could be seen on several local TV commercials and industrial films. Since returning to Madison, she has done most of her acting work with Strollers Theatre while also designing make-up at her old alma mater - Stoughton High School. Laurie designed make-up for Mitby Theatre's production of The Sound of Music and was Assistant Director/Stage Manager of the Sun Prairie Civic Theatre's production of Snow White. Laurie thanks her husband for all his love and support.

Rainbow Koehl is studying theatre at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Other shows that she has worked on include All's Well That Ends Well, Prelude to a Kiss and The Machinal.

Rainbow has been a lover of Gilbert and Sullivan ever since she was in H.M.S Pinafore when she was in the third grade.

This is Carolyn Nagler's first production with Savoyards. Originally from Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, Carolyn received a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from Oberlin Conservatory and has just completed her Masters in Music Performance, majoring in accompanying, at the UW-Madison. She has been active in musicals and operettas both as actor and pianist since high school. Carolyn is looking to find a post as an instrumental and vocal accompanist/coach in a university setting.

Lisa Reichl Kjentvet is involved in her sixth Savoyards' production. She appeared as Kate in The Pirates of Penzance, Iolanthe in Iolanthe, Ruth in Ruddygore, and Lady Angela in Patience. In addition, she served as assistant musical director for Ruddygore and The Mikado. Lisa most recently served as musical director for CTM's 1992 production of A Christmas Carol. A UW-Madison graduate, Lisa currently teaches choral and general music at Sherman Middle School in the Madison School District.

David Torney's profession as a stage hand, designer and director has taken him around the country. In 1985, Dave's work was shown state-wide when the Savoyards' production of *Gondoliers* was broadcast on public television. His responsibilities include both design and construction of the set. In case you're wondering, the palm fronds are made from aluminum Venetian blinds!

After more than five years of lighting design in the Madison area for such groups as CTM Productions, Melrose Motion Co, and the MATC Theatre department, *Utopia Limited* marks Laurie Turnau's first design for Savoyards as well as her last show in Madison. She would like to extend her best wishes to the company for a successful run and thanks for a good time on her final design.

Glossary

Utopia - Greek, literally "no place" or "nowhere"; used by Sir Thomas More in his Latin treatise Utopia (1516) as the name for his ideal society and thus understood ever since (the inherent contradiction of an ideal paradise being "improved" by reform and modernization is still worth noting in our age of "developing" Third-World nations).

Poppydom - A realm of narcotic stupor.

Coruscation of impromptu epigram - Brilliance of improvised wit.

Tarara - The character's name alludes to the then-new American song, Ta-ra-ra-Boom-de-ay, with an obviously explosive suggestion.

Heliogabalian - Evoking the Roman Emperor Elagabalus, or Heliogabalus (A.D. 218-222), notorious for debauchery and unrestrained licentiousness.

Double-first [in the world's university] - a top grade in two of a student's final examinations, a sign of exceptional academic and intellectual achievement.

Wasted on "utility" - Unfairly cast in minor stage roles.

Auriculars - Ears.

Far niente - Short for the Italian dolce far niente, "sweet idleness."

To which some add but others do not Ireland - A reference to the issues of Irish home-rule and independence from Great Britain, still hotly contested in 1893; some think that Gilbert's frequent reference to Irish issues were meant to tease his collaborators, Sullivan and D'Oyly Carte, both of Irish ancestry.

"Finished" by an English lady - Taught the social graces, English style; women of class used to be sent to "finishing schools" rather than to universities.

Furlongs far - A furlong is an archaic (and, thus eminently literary) unit, 220 yards, or 1/8 of a mile.

The Kodaks do their best... You need only a button press, and we do all the rest-George Eastman's innovative portable box camera, which he named the Kodak, was first marketed in 1888, launching the craze for amateur photography rampant ever since. The original factory in Rochester, NY was duplicated around the world, one being located in Harrow, Middlesex. Eastman's advertising slogan, "You press the button, we'll do the rest," was thus a fresh and familiar target for Gilbert's spoof.

Bold-faced ranger - A swaggering rover, a brash cruiser.

Settlements - Marriage contracts including property arrangements as prenuptial agreements.

Do they quarrel for his dross? - I.e., for his crass worldly goods.

English ladies always toss - I.e., a coin; they "flip" for the choice between suitors.

Junius Junior, Senex Senior - Gilbert spoofs two British practices: in public schools boys with similar names were distinguished as "senior" and "junior" by age; and anonymous Letters to the Editor of newspapers were signed with fake Latin names; these combinations, meaning "Young Younger" and "Old Older," are deliberately absurd.

Mephistopheles Minor - Mephistopheles is a (or the) devil (cf. Faust); adding the distinguishing "Minor" only further twits such pretentious British usages of Latin.

Delicately sub-acid - Quite tart, but not quite acid or overcooked.

King Tuppence, or a good deal less than half a Sovereign - The title for Paramount's self-deprecating comic opera is a pun on old British coinage terms: a "sovereign," so called from bearing the monarch's portrait, was a gold coin worth 1 pound and 10 shillings, and there was a corresponding half-sovereign coin; the pound sterling was worth 20 shillings or 240 pence, so that "tuppence" (slang for two pence) was a diminutive, demeaning name indeed.

Decidedly de trop - Superfluous, "out of it", "uncool." From the French for "too much."

Time's teetotum - A teetotum was a polygonal top with letters (later, numbers) on its faces, spun in games of chance as a more polite substitute for dice.

Ouotum - "Quota" or share.

Laces tightly - Tightens her corset to control her sagging figure.

Rates are facts and so are taxes - For us, two of the same things: "rates" are assessments by local authorities (as in "county rates" later on), while "taxes" are levied only by the national government.

When Threescore and ten - Refers not to (as it literally means) one's seventieth year, but to the end of one's life. The allusion being to Psalm 90:10: "The years of our lives are but threescore years and ten."

The oriental platform of the Tivoli gardens - Sometimes identified with the famous Italian villa northeast of Rome, but more likely a reference to the celebrated nineteenth-century entertainment park in Copenhagen (still happily operating), or at least to its Utopian initation.

When our medical adviser exhibits rum-punch it is as a draught, not as a fomentation Paramount is insisting that his encounters with punch (a fruit drink heavily laced with rum and
brandy) occur only when his doctor prescribes it as medicine and not as a lotion.

Ground plans and sectional elevations of several capital punishments - A deliberately obscure pun that mingles "capital" punishment with the designing of a "capitol" (i.e., a government building) in terms of appropriate architectural drawings.

O royal rex - A whimsical trick of rhyming (with "sex"), since rex is itself the Latin word for king. First life guards - Originally Charles II's guards during his exile and then made an elite unit of the British army, its officers drawn from the aristocracy; its formal dress is red tunics with white trin (over which a metal cuirass or breastplate is worn only in mounted duty), and brass helmets with long white plumes; famous today for their mounted duty and rituals of changing at Whitehall.

Knightsbridge nursemaids serving fairies Stars of proud Belgravian airies - The servants and nursemaids living in two prosperous, very high-class residential areas of London near the Life Guards' Knightsbridge barracks, between whom there would have been considerable flirtations in the "airies" or sunken entryways to the "downstairs" of residences; in other words, the numerous romantic conquests our gallant troopers would have left behind.

Standing sentry at the horse guards - The Whitehall duty of the Life Guards mentioned above, in which function they are still among the most popular sights for adoring tourists in London.

Tête à tête - In French, literally, "head to head," implying close "one-on-one" intimacy.

Rival admirers' clauses consolidation act - An obviously phony Act of Parliament invented by Fitzbattleaxe to bamboozle Scaphio and Phantis with the prestigious mysteries of anything that sounds like British law; but also an implied dig at Parliament's actual readiness to legislate on the minutiae of marital and other contractual practices.

Tontine principle - A tontine (named after the seventeenth-century Italian who devised it) is an agreement mixing the element of a gamble with insurance and investment between a group of participants who put their money into a single pool that goes in full to the surviving member.

Ye south pacific island viviparians - "viviparians" are creatures who, literally, "bring forth living young:" in other words, mammals, or, here, simply a generic word for beings in the most primitive sense; used by Gilbert for the esoteric convenience of rhyming with "barbarians."

Sir Bailey Barre, Q.C., M.P. - Like several of the "Flowers of Progress," this one's name is an obvious pun, since he is a barrister practicing law at the bar in London's court of Old Bailey; his added initials inform us that he is a Queen's Counsel (an honorary rank bestowed upon distinguished barristers, often on their way to becoming judges) and a Member of Parliament.

Solicitor - In British practice, an attorney ("office lawyer") who serves as legal advisor to his clients, but who leaves actual court appearances to the separate function of the barrister ("trial lawyer"), for whom he prepares a brief, or summary of the case and its arguments.

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Music Director's Notes

Having conducted all of the other Savoy Operas, working with *Utopia Limited* has been a particular joy. Not only are there quite a few allusions to other Gilbert & Sullivan works, but there is also quite a bit of fresh material. The music that strikes me most as unique to Utopia is given to Scaphio and Phantis throughout the score: energetic movements in 6-8 time. Because this is a mature work for the composer there is also some beautiful orchestration.

The original musical introduction for Utopia consisted primarily of the "Drawing Room Music" from Act II. Both John Carle and I found that this was too staid and formal as a preparation for the drama, and gave away this formal scene. Sullivan wrote only two of the Savoy overtures himself (*Iolanthe* and *The Yeomen of the Guard*) and had his conductor (usually Cellier) stitch together the others from musical material of the operas.

Therefore, in the tradition of those overtures (*The Mikado* and others), I have selected the Coda from "Eagle High" as the opening, the Zara/Fitzbattleaxe love duet from Act I as the center slow section, and woven together a tapestry of Scaphio/Phantis 6-8 sections for the large final *allegro*, adding a few bars from Goldbury's Act I Finale aria and ending with the "Tarantella" (which is reminiscent of *The Gondoliers*). Some keys are transposed in order to make sense of things, but otherwise Sullivan's orchestrations are intact. The one exception to this is the center slow section where the soprano and tenor solo voices needed appropriate instrumental substitutes: these parts are taken by solo trumpet and horn.

Daird Crosly

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Approaching the seldom performed *Utopia Limited*, I was struck by the timeliness of its sardonic humor. Gilbert being a lawyer, as well as a playwright, always included jibes at the legal profession, but in Utopia he takes on the questionable attributes of colonialism, the darker side of politics and some of the built-in loopholes of corporate law and the resulting business practices.

This rich brew, fleshed out by some rather colorful characters also has many slightly off the subject references and jabs that do not resonate with us today. Since Act I is longer than the first act of Wagner's Götterdämmerung, the script has been excised of most of the "Oh, by the way" lines, bringing the playing time of the show down to a reasonable level.

While Utopia has many delights it also has many drawbacks which tend to scare off groups from mounting it. The cast could easily reach fifty in number with the ensuing costuming problems ready to swallow the budget. The built-in dance sequences demand a certain level of movement ability from the singers. The court and drawing room scenes originally were an opportunity to parade the elegant fashions of the time including exact copies of uniforms and costumes of royal Household officers. Add to these the expense of wigs, jewelry and swords and one can see why D'Oyly Carte did not revive Utopia after its initial run. By thinking along different lines, as every stage director and costumer of Utopia must do, the Savoyards' interpretation of these "spectacle scenes" uses the existing strengths of the cast members.

I am honored to have been entrusted with the responsibility of bringing this neglected work to the Savoyards' loyal audience and thank all of you for your continued support.

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