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## School of Music to Present Gilbert & Sullivan's *Iolanthe*

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan School of Music will present the opera *Iolanthe*, or *The Peer and the Peri* on Thursday, Nov. 3 at 8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 4 and Saturday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 6 at 3 p.m.

Performances will take place in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 Park St., Bloomington). The event is free and open to the public.

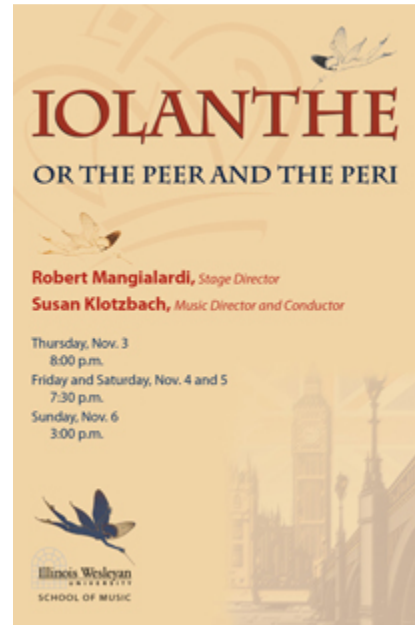
Written by W.S. Gilbert and composed by Arthur Sullivan, the opera tells the story of Iolanthe, a fairy that was once banished from the fairy world for marrying a mortal man, and her son Strephon, who is half mortal and half fairy. Strephon falls in love with Phyllis, a shepherdess, but complications arise when he must appeal to Lord Chancellor, her guardian, in order to take her hand in marriage.

Robert Mangialardi, visiting professor of music and director of the opera theatre program, is the director of the show. Under the musical direction of adjunct faculty member and University organist Susan Klotzbach, the opera will be fully staged with a 12-piece orchestra, as well as a student cast of 28.

For additional information, contact the School of Music Office at (309) 556-3061.

**Cast members:** Suzanne E. Whitney and Holly Haines\* (Queen of the Fairies), Rachel Carreras and Cassandra Coglianese\* (Iolanthe), Hanna Pristave and Melissa Adamson\* (Phyllis), Matt Skibo (Strephon), Stefan Riley (Lord Chancellor), Michael Hansen (Lord Mountararat), Joe Lewis and Peter Moeller\* (Lord Tolloller), Mark Koester (Private Willis and Lord Nigel Thornberry, Esq.), Meagan Melloy (Celia), Anne Chapman (Leila), Lauren Timmons (Fleta), Mary Nicholas (Briony), Ashleen Davey (Elizabeth), Becki Blumer (Isabella), Kyli Wagner (Lavender), Clarisse Tobia (Lilah), Becky Buechel (Paprika), Hayley Koch (Primrose), Megan Morissette (Violet), Eric Sepulveda (Lord Alban Krenic), Philip Courington (Lord Bartholomew III), John Cassio (Lord Blueberry), Peter Moeller and Joe Lewis\* (Lord Hubert Cumberlande), Devin Johnston (Lord Lucius), Jim Schiffer (Lord Rutherford II)

\*denotes performers for Friday and Sunday performances



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