



This production of Gilbert and Sullivan's **H.M.S. Pinafore or The Lass that Loved a Sailor** is the centerpiece of Hull Savoyards 75th Anniversary Celebration, commemorating our long and vibrant tradition of Gilbert and Sullivan. There is no better way to celebrate than with Pinafore, one of the duo's most successful collaborations.

H.M.S. Pinafore is not only a wonderful operetta with a brilliant score and hilarious plot, but it is also a historically important piece in the creative relationship of Gilbert and Sullivan and the development of musical theatre as we know it. In HMS Pinafore W.S. Gilbert satirises the snobbery and hypocrisy of the English social system of his day. The story is of love transcending social class aboard the high seas, and with its crazy cast of characters and such memorable songs as 'I'm Called Little Buttercup,' 'Never mind the Why and Wherefore,' and 'He is an Englishman,' it has been a hit since its premiere in 1878.

In addition to Pinafore, we will be presenting Gilbert and Sullivan's only one act collaboration, Trial By Jury, as a special double bill. In Trial by Jury, Gilbert spoofs the legal system as a drunken judge and incompetent jury try to settle the civil case of a breached promise of marriage. The pairing of Trial and Pinafore is a historically successful one, and we very much look forward to presenting the two together. Because of its one-act status, Trial by Jury tends to be less frequently performed, so any occasion to perform it is truly exciting.

Together, Trial by Jury and H.M.S. Pinafore demonstrate the lyric and musical genius of both Gilbert and Sullivan and should create an unforgettable night of theatre.

**Venues:** 17th to 19th June 2009 at The Middleton Hall, Hull University, Cottingham Road, Hull and the 20th June 2009, The Floral Hall Hornsea.

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