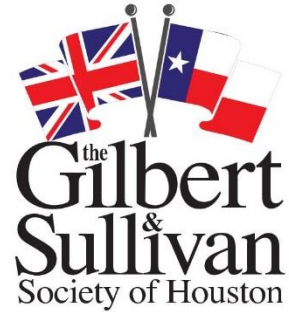


January 1, 2018



Dear Friend:

The Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Houston is seeking your support as a Silent Auction Donor for **“Pops of Sillery: An Evening Benefitting the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Houston”** to be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 in the Gallery Hall at MATCH Theater. Our **4<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser event**, it will feature an evening of drinks and hors d'oeuvres, performances, sing-a-longs, and educational presentations and merriment that only Gilbert & Sullivan can provide.

This event provides a platform to continue our **legacy of fine arts, scholarships and community involvement** while celebrating the amazing talent of our performers, all of whom donate their time every year to our cause. Our event is expected to draw over 300 supporters, and participating businesses will be prominently featured in our event program, on our website, and through our social media.

The Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Houston is a 65-year old non-profit, all-volunteer company which is dedicated to preserving and sharing the delightful legacy of Gilbert and Sullivan's wonderful operas. An important objective of HGNS is to make the art of **opera accessible for all**. HGNS' scholarships support this mission – we've been honored to **award over 100 scholarships** to vocal performance and theatre tech students since our founding in 1952. We also provide a number of **free tickets** to our performances **to underprivileged and at-risk children's organizations**, and perform at various community arts events during the year, making the musical theater experience accessible to Houston's youth, regardless of means. A portion of the event's proceeds will benefit these endeavors, and we would be grateful for your assistance. By becoming a Silent Auction Donor, you help us raise funds needed to continue our ability to present outstanding productions for all to enjoy, as well as our outreach and community efforts.

Enclosed you will find an auction donor form to be completed and sent along with your donation. We request your reply by Monday, March 5, 2018 to ensure inclusion in the program. For additional details, contact us at [giving@hgns.org](mailto:giving@hgns.org). We truly appreciate your support!

Sincerely,

Lisa Marut-Shriver and Sandra Pushkin  
HGNS Board and Silent Auction Committee