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Lamplighters Present an Original Musical Comedy/Fundraiser... Thing

SAN FRANCISCO, California (23 August, 2016) – Each year Lamplighters Music Theatre presents an original musical comedy as the main course at their 2016 Annual Fundraising Gala and Auction. The company, known for its prowess in Gilbert & Sullivan operettas and other classic musical works, lets loose each year by writing a madcap play spoofing current popular topics while keeping with the spirit of Gilbert and the music of (mostly) Sullivan. This year the story, titled *A Night at the Mint, or, The Great Heist Caper Affair... Thing*, time travels to 2054 where a group of criminal misfits is planning a heist at an imaginary Museum of Money in San Francisco's Old Mint. With a harried security guard, weird animatronic exhibits that come to life, and a whole host of zany historical characters, you can be sure that this will be a performance, and fundraising event, unlike any you have seen before. The event also features a silent auction, raffle, and brief fund-a-need live auction, and a photo-op filled champagne party with the costumed performers after the show.

Full details are posted at <http://lamplighters.org/season/season.html>. For further information call 415-227-4797 or email info@lamplighters.org.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

WHERE: Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street
WHEN: Sunday, November 6 • Silent auction at 3pm, performance at 4pm

SAN FRANCISCO

WHERE: Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco
WHEN: Sunday, November 13 • Silent auction at 3pm, performance at 4pm

Stage Director: Phil Lowery
Music Director/Conductors: Baker Peebles and Monroe Kanouse

Lamplighters Music Theatre was founded in 1952 to produce the comic operas of librettist W.S. Gilbert and composer Arthur Sullivan, and is now recognized as one of the world's pre-eminent Gilbert & Sullivan companies. The Lamplighters' repertoire includes all the surviving works of these creative geniuses, as well as a select group of comic operas and classic musicals by other composers that exemplify their artistic vision. Critically acclaimed artistic successes for the Lamplighters include honors for Best Production and Best Director at the International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival in Buxton, England and local awards in nearly every performance, direction, and design category, including

Outstanding Production of a Musical at the 2015 Theatre Bay Area Awards for *H.M.S. Pinafore*. The hallmarks of a Lamplighters production are lavish costumes and sets, live orchestra, excellent comic acting, and gorgeous unamplified singing that showcases the beauty and purity of the human voice. The Lamplighters made Gilbert & Sullivan history earlier this year by transporting *The Mikado*, a work often criticized as being racist “yellowface”, from Japan to Renaissance Italy, resulting in an artistic triumph and a step forward for equity in the arts.