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LAMPLIGHTERS
MUSIC THEATRE

Lamplighters Music Theatre presents
OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY CHAMPAGNE GALA & AUCTION

Tickets: \$55 - 97

Sunday, October 21, 2011 – 4pm

Herbst Theater (War Memorial), 401 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco

Tickets: cityboxoffice.com/415-392-4400

For more information call The Lamplighters at 415-227-4797 or go to lamplighters.org

Join the Lamplighters as we celebrate our past, present and future. Most of all we celebrate our loyal patrons. The festivities will include an original show based on the works of Gilbert & Sullivan. We'll reminisce, we'll laugh, and maybe we'll cry a little as we look back at our first 60 fun-filled years and dream about what's to come in the next 60. An afternoon guaranteed to be filled with music, true love and laughter! Come early to participate in our silent auction. Capping off the evening will be a champagne reception with our costumed cast.

Dinner? Join us after the show at our special Anniversary Celebration Dinner upstairs in the Veterans Building Green Room. Fully catered 3-course meal, fine wines and the best company!

Stage Director: Barbara Heroux
Conductors: Monroe Kanouse & Baker Peeples

A Brief History and Bio of Lamplighters Music Theatre

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. 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.

Gilbert & Sullivan created a new kind of music theatre. Their music is largely classical in style, but lyrics and music are perfectly matched; librettos are complicated, but highly literate, thought-provoking and hugely entertaining. Between 1875 and 1896 they took the world of music by storm with their 13 comic operas, including *H.M.S. Pinafore*, *The Pirates of Penzance* and *The Mikado*. Today, their topsy-turvy, melodic creations continue to inspire, intrigue and delight performers and audiences of all ages.

In addition to an active performance schedule, The Lamplighters provide performance and training opportunities in this unique style of classic music theatre to local theatre artists, and seek to promote appreciation for the works of Gilbert & Sullivan through youth programs, school performances and other types of community outreach.