

THE ZOO  
(by arrangement with Terence Rees)  
and  
TRIAL BY JURY

presented by



accompanied by  
THE BEAUCHAMP SINFONIETTA  
Leader: BRIAN BROWN

at

THE TOWN HALL  
LEAMINGTON SPA

FRIDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 1972

AT 7.45 P.M. PROGRAMME 5p.

In 1975 two one-act comic operas with music by Arthur Sullivan were running simultaneously in London. "Trial by Jury" opened on March 25th at The Royal Lyceum and was followed ten weeks later by "The Zoo" at the nearby St. James' Theatre. The fate of these two works proved to be very different. "Trial by Jury" became the first success in the famous series of operas by Gilbert and Sullivan but "The Zoo" faded into obscurity and Sullivan never again collaborated with its librettist Bolton Row (a pseudonym for R. C. Stephenson).

THE ZOO

A musical folly by Row & Sullivan  
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"The Zoo" is set near the Bear Pit in the Zoological Gardens and tells the tale of two pairs of lovers. Carboy is constantly trying to end his miserable life because Lucilla Grinder's Father has refused to let them marry. Eventually Terence Brown, deeply in love with Lucilla, conceals vast quantities of food and drink from her refreshment stall so that he may be near her. He faints from excess of nourishment and Carboy, taking time off from his musical attempts, turns to his usual employment as a shorthand to revive him. Thomas is (of course) the Duke of Edlington in disguise. He proposes to Lucilla, hoping her all the animals in the Zoo as a wedding present. Poor Carboy fails yet again to kill himself, which proves lucky for him because Grinder, persuaded by a cash settlement from Thomas, changes his mind and gives his blessing to his daughter's marriage.

CAST

Antiochus Carboy ..... Brian Daniels  
Ellis Smith ..... Patricia Goodwin  
Thomas Brown ..... Philip Huxley  
Isabella Grinder ..... Ruth Wilson  
Mr. Grinder ..... John Spencer

Others of the Cast

Oliver Arnes Caroline Brooke Linda Cassady Joyce Bully  
Kathryn Dickinson Norman Edy Elizabeth Fox Kathleen French  
Julia Geoffrey Jill Grant Audrey Home Justice Krumpholtz  
Jenny Macintosh Jenny Mallorie Silvery Sexton Lyone Pratt  
Mary Redding Pat Robinsoner Jennie Summers Joyce Welch  
Doris Wild Kathleen Wood.

TRIAL BY JURY

A dramatic cantata by Gilbert & Sullivan.

In contrast to "The Zoo", the story of "Trial by Jury" is such a simple in outline whilst showing the more subtle wit of Gilbert in detail. It is a satire on the Victorian Branch of Justice Court in which the empty-headed Jury agree with each argument as it is presented, whether it comes from the usual Defendant, the tearful Plaintiff, or the crafty Counsel. The Judge who presides over the Court is initially more interested in arguing about himself than in listening to the Trial, but he has the last word when he settles the dispute by marrying the Plaintiff.

CAST

The Learned Judge ..... Derek Rowlings  
The Plaintiff ..... Pamela Summers  
The Defendant ..... John Penner  
Counsel for the Plaintiff ..... Geoffrey Inneson  
Witness ..... Elizabeth Fleming  
Persons of the Jury ..... Richard Bevan  
Prisoners ..... Patricia Goodwin Pauline Keen  
Prisoners ..... Sue Summers Jay Eden

Others of the Cast

George Coombe Neville French Norman Gordon Martin Hollister  
William Bevan Charles Noble George Pratt Richard Rowling  
Raymond Saunders John Stephens William Wain Roland Wood.

Original Director MR. DAVID TALL

Assistant Musical Director ANDREW AYRES

Producer DOROTHY SILLAN

Refreshments available during the interval.

This was a concert performance and no reviews were written or photographs taken.