

# The Durham Savoyards, Ltd.

Since 1963, producing the topsy-turvy musical comedies of  
Sir William S. Gilbert & Sir Arthur S. Sullivan

If you want to know  
who we are ...



**Sa-voy'ard** – n. a person who performs in  
the operettas of Gilbert and Sullivan

We are an amazing homegrown theatre troupe, born in 1963 out of the love for that perfect combination of W. S. Gilbert's incisive satire and Arthur Sullivan's sparkling music. We take our name from London's Savoy Theatre, where many of the G & S operettas were first performed. Durham's historic Carolina Theatre has been our home since 1994.

Our first production was *The Pirates of Penzance*, performed in the auditorium at Durham High School (now Durham School of the Arts). That started an annual tradition that has blossomed, and still going strong after all these years. Since that time we have staged all of the complete G & S works at least twice, and recently added a recomposition of the long-lost *Thespis* to our repertoire.

The Savoyards company has produced, along with delightful perennial entertainment, a large family of perennial devotees, both on and off the stage. Our numbers include people of diverse culture and occupation across the Triangle and beyond. Auditions for our annual productions are always open to everyone.

We depend on the support of our friends in the community to sustain us. The Durham Savoyards, Ltd. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and all contributions are tax-deductible. In addition to financial support, we are grateful to those who volunteer their time and talent. In so many ways *you* are who we are.

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