

DIE FLEDERMAUS

By Johann Strauss II

Die Fledermaus was written by Johann Strauss II in 1874. In addition to the well-known overture, there are numerous delightful ensembles and chorus pieces.

The action takes place in Vienna in 1865. Dr. Falke has planned a ball and has invited his friend Eisenstein. Eisenstein is supposed to be headed to jail for a civil offense, but accepts the invitation. When the warden goes to escort him to jail, he finds Rosalinda, Eisenstein's wife, and Alfred, her former lover. Alfred gets escorted to jail instead.

Later that night, at the ball, Rosalinda arrives in disguise. Eisenstein, under the influence, tries to flirt with his own wife. All the guests frolic in a sea of champagne bubbles.

The next morning, Eisenstein reports to jail only to find Alfred, Rosalinda's former lover, in his place. He accuses Rosalinda of infidelity but she produces a trinket that he gave to her the night before when he thought she was someone other than his own wife!

In summation, this is a light-hearted romp full of surprises and some of the most beautiful music we've ever presented. In the second act there will be special performances by young guest artists from the Metropolitan Opera, Chicago Lyric Opera, Glimmerglass and Glyndebourne as well as some local dignitaries.

ED DEGROAT

Music Director

Ed deGroat begins his fifth Season as Music Director of SLOCO.

Ed brings to our company his years of experience as a musician, educator and director. He was the founder and director of I Giovani Solisti, the renowned string ensemble from the West Hartford schools.

Ed is "very honored to be part of SLOCO", and SLOCO is honored and delighted to have his knowledge and expertise guiding us musically.

SHOW DATES

March 6, 2010 @ 7:30

March 7, 2010 @ 2:00

March 12, 2010 @ 7:30

March 13, 2010 @ 7:30

March 14, 2010 @ 2:00

@ the auditorium at SHS

Tickets: www.sloco.org

Or call 888-71-TICKETS

Questions: 860-561-0078

THOM GRIFFIN

Artistic Director

SLOCO welcomes Thom Griffin back as our Artistic Director. Thom is a longtime veteran, well remembered for his portrayals of all the G&S patter roles, highlighted by Major General Stanley, Ko-Ko and Sir Joseph Porter, KCB. Thom brings to SLOCO his many years of experience both as a performer and director with to mention only a few, Opera North, Valley Light Opera and Opera New England.

Terpsichore Dance and Theatre Company

We are pleased to be collaborating with the Terpsichore Dance and Theatre Company of Simsbury. Melissa Feder founded the company in 1993 and we welcome Melissa and her young dancers to our 2010 production.

An Appeal for Help from SLOCO

Simsbury Light Opera Company (SLOCO) is entering its 65th consecutive year of bringing you outstanding musical entertainment appropriate for the entire family. As with other non-profit arts organizations, we find our productions more expensive to produce each year, but we certainly do not want to cut back on the quality of our performances to make ends meet. We would like to ask you, our loyal supporters, to help. If you have previously been a General Admission subscriber, please consider becoming a contributor. Not only will you get preferred seating and your name listed in our program, but you will also be invited to our gala Opening Night Reception where you will meet our talented cast, enjoy wonderful food and join us in song. If you are already a contributor, please consider moving up to the next level. Please remember that contributions to SLOCO are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

New Process for Ordering General Admission Tickets

We are pleased to announce a new, streamlined process for ordering general admission tickets. You can quickly order and pay for tickets by credit card (the preferred approach) by going to www.SLOCO.org or by calling 888-71-TICKETS. You can also order and pay for tickets by check by completing the General Admission – Pay by Check section of the mailer and sending it along with your check payable to SLOCO to Philip Chapman, 408 G.W. Turnpike, Burlington, CT 06018. Please note: the process for ordering tickets as a contributor is not new. Please follow the instructions outlined in the Contributor section of the mailer. Questions ? Call 860-651-0078.

SLOCO **TICKET INFORMATION**

SHINING STAR - \$500

- 8 tickets
- Preferred seating
- Additional ticket purchases in preferred seating section
- Opening night reception*

SAVOYARD - \$250

- 6 tickets
- Preferred seating
- Additional ticket purchases in preferred seating section
- Opening night reception*

BENEFACTOR - \$150

- 4 tickets
- Preferred seating
- Purchase of up to 4 additional tickets in preferred seating section
- Opening night reception*

PATRON - \$75

- 2 tickets
- Preferred seating
- Purchase of up to 2 additional tickets in preferred seating section
- Opening night reception*

*Please indicate on the order form if you will attend Opening night reception

CONTRIBUTORS

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SHOW DATE	SHINING STAR \$500	SAVOYARD \$250	BENEFACTOR \$150	PATRON \$75	ADDITIONAL TICKETS	TOTAL
7:30 PM						
March 6						
March 12						
March 13						
2:00 PM						
March 7						
March 14						

- MASTER CARD/VISA (CIRCLE ONE) CARD # _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____
- PERSONAL CHECK (PAYABLE TO SLOCO) I WILL/WILL NOT ATTEND OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION (CIRCLE ONE)
- SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE ENCLOSED PLEASE HOLD MY TICKETS AT THE DOOR

CONTRIBUTORS Mail to: Patti Colburn, 6 Wyngate, Simsbury, CT 06070
 NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 20 (for inclusion in the program)
 Questions? Call 860-651-0809

GENERAL ADMISSION (pay by check)

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SHOW DATE	ADULTS \$24	SENIORS/ STUDENTS \$19	CHILDREN 12 & UNDER \$8	ADDITIONAL TICKETS	TOTAL
7:30 PM					
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