

# **Ferrier Operatic Society**

## **Membership**

We are a friendly society and always welcome new members, both principal and chorus. Over the years we have gained a reputation for high quality four-part harmony singing which is reflected in a varied production and concert repertoire which includes: Gilbert and Sullivan, Strauss, Offenbach, Lehar, Schubert, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lloyd-Webber, Flaherty, Schwartz, choral items, traditional and modern ballads, comic songs, and many more.

But we are equally pleased for you to join us even if you don't wish to perform on the stage or platform. There are many important backstage jobs - helping with publicity, stage management, lighting, prompt, front of house etc.

Our membership fees are currently £60 per year with additional fees for each performance - stage production (£50) and autumn concert (£30). These are collected in instalments by our Treasurer or can be paid by standing order.

## **Fundraising**

We run fundraising events during the year, which help to keep our membership fees to a minimum and give members an opportunity to socialize – not always possible during busy rehearsal schedules. These events range from ‘scratch’ performances to garden parties and quiz nights: we also have a good reputation for our catering! Ideas and assistance to run fundraising events are always welcome – just speak with one of the Committee.

## **Rehearsals**

We rehearse from 7.30 to 9.30 pm on Thursday evenings in Mycenae House, 90 Mycenae Road, Blackheath SE3 7SE, or Henwick School, Eltham SE9 6NZ, with a short break over the summer and Christmas holidays.

Auditions for principal roles in our main production are usually held in late autumn and suitability of solo items for our autumn concerts are considered in June/July.

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