

IOLANTHE in Shrewsbury

Mass Theatrica presented an unrehearsed *Iolanthe* on March 9 to the bemused residents of Southgate, an assisted living residence in Shrewsbury, and won new fans to the Canon.

This was a richly-cast performance: Dave Leigh as the Lord Chancellor, Tom Weber and Mike Belle as Mountarrarat and Tolloller, Jaque Wilson as *Iolanthe*, Tom Frates as Strephon, Elaine Crane as Phyllis, Arthur Dunlap as Pvt. Willis, and Angeliki Theoharis as the Fairy Queen, with Meredith Lavine, Giliana Austin and Pamela Mahoney as the entire fairy band. Most of these performers are known and loved by NEGASSers; their colleagues proved worthy of the company!

Mass Theatrica usually focuses on Grand Opera, but we can hope they'll turn their eyes on G&S again, and gather another such cast of stars.

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