

Chorale takes 'Trial' to court

A performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's "Trial By Jury" will strive for unusual realism this week.

The Rogue Valley Chorale event will be staged in a real courtroom and will feature singers who really are lawyers, judges, peace officers and court personnel.

The show will be done three times, at 12:10 and 8 p.m. Friday, and at 4:30 p.m. Sunday in the Circuit Court Room, on the third floor of the old Jackson County Courthouse, 10 S. Oakdale Ave., Medford.

A private performance for county employees is planned at noon Thursday.

Performers include many involved in local government. District Judge Ross G. Davis will sing the role of the judge; Assistant County Counsel Georgia Daniels will perform as bridesmaid; and former County

Counsel Roy Bashaw will play the bailiff.

Sheriff C.W. Smith is singing the role of foreman of the jury. Local attorneys will perform as fellow jury members.

The performance will be in full 19th Century English costumes and wigs.

Tickets are \$10 and are available in advance at the Britt Ticket Office in the Medford Center. Tickets are also available at the door.

The plot revolves around Edwin, a man who is tired of his sweetheart Angelina. Edwin falls in love with another. Angelina takes him to court for breach of promise.

At the rise of the curtain, the usher, while enjoining impartiality on the jury, shows a definite partiality himself for the fair plaintiff.

Edwin explains that he simply happened

to fall in love with another girl. Though both jury and judge indicate that they have similar episodes in their own past, they have little sympathy for Edwin.

After the jury is sworn in, Angelina appears and immediately captivates all the men present. Her lawyer gives a stirring speech, and she falls sobbing on his breast.

Edwin proposes various solutions, but in vain. He offers to marry her if he may also marry his other sweetheart, but the lawyers object.

Edwin then tries to dissuade her from wanting to marry him at all, saying that when he is drunk he would beat her. The judge proposes that Edwin get drunk to see whether the beating occurs, but her lawyer objects.

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