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## WAAPA Goes To Court

In its 105-year history, the WA Supreme Court in Perth's Stirling Gardens has had its fair share of drama played out within its walls.

Now, on the evening of Saturday 31 May, a drama of a different kind will take place in this magnificent heritage-listed building.

For the first time ever, Gilbert and Sullivan's *Trial by Jury* – which is set in a courtroom – will be performed in Court 1 of the WA Supreme Court, lending a dynamic real-life atmosphere to this brilliant one-act comic opera.

*Trial by Jury* will be the exciting finale of a very special event performed by the Classical Vocal students of the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts. Before adjourning to Court 1, the audience will be treated to a selection of Gilbert and Sullivan showstoppers, *Gilbert and Sullivan à La Carte*, in the Supreme Court foyer.

The evening's entertainment will be directed by one of Australia's leading directors of opera and music theatre, Stuart Maunder.

Maunder, Executive Producer for Opera Australia, has a 25-year international reputation for his directorial work.

"Stuart is a self-confessed Gilbert and Sullivan 'tragic'," says Patricia Price, WAAPA's Coordinator of Vocal Studies. "So who better to put our Classical Voice students through their paces in this gorgeous G&S piece."

*Trial by Jury*, which has been seen on Australian television starring Anthony Warlow as the Judge, has been performed many times at London's Covent Garden Festival, in the famous Bow Street Magistrate's Court and in the High Court in The Strand.

Now it's Perth's turn to enjoy the brilliance of Gilbert and Sullivan in an unforgettable setting.

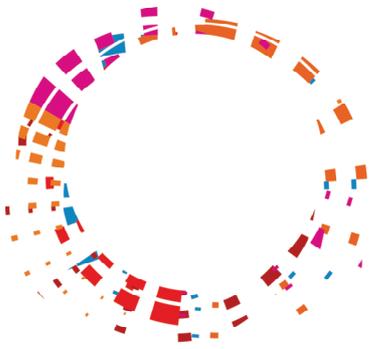
This show has just been added due to popular demand with Friday evening and the Saturday matinee already selling out.

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**Performance Information: *Gilbert & Sullivan A la Carte & Trial By Jury***

Saturday 31 May at 7.30pm.

Supreme Court of Western Australia,

Stirling Gardens, Perth (cnr Barrack St and St Georges Tce).

Tickets are \$30.00 / \$20.00 concession

Bookings through WAAPA Box Office Tel: 9370 6895 – [waapa.ecu.edu.au](http://waapa.ecu.edu.au)

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