

## The Yeomen of the Guard

Alexander Theatre, Monash University  
April 24 & 25, May 1 & 2 2009 at 8.00 pm  
April 25, May 2 at 2.00 pm

The grim shadow of the Tower of London: *The Yeomen of the Guard* tells the story of Colonel Fairfax, wrongly condemned to death on Tower Green. A plot is hatched to save his life, with the unknowing involvement of the strolling players Elsie and Jack, leading to adventure, romance and tragedy. Considered by Gilbert and Sullivan to be the finest of all their works together, *The Yeomen of the Guard* is still considered by many the highest achievement in British operatic music. A gifted cast brings to life all the wit, humour, drama and ultimate tragedy to this, the most bittersweet and moving of all the Savoy masterpieces. Directed and designed by Robert Ray and Musical Direction by John Ferguson.

[More information about this show](#) from the Director, Robert Ray

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A 2-DVD recording of this production is available. [Buy it now in our shop.](#)

### CAST

Lieutenant of the Tower	Kevin Kelley
Colonel Fairfax	Brett O'Meara
Sergeant Meryll	Des Lukey
Leonard Meryll	Raphael Wong
Jack Point	Robert Latham
Wilfred Shadbolt	Andrew McGrail
The Headsman	Chris McInnis
Confessor	James Thomas
First Yeoman	Raphael Wong
Second Yeoman	Phil Elphinstone
Third Yeoman	Darren Rosenfeld

Fourth Yeoman	Michael Try
First Citizen	Adam Purton
Second Citizen	Gerald White
Elsie Maynard	Stephanie Gibson
Phoebe Meryll	Kate Amos
Dame Carruthers	Lynlee Williams
Kate	Caitlin McNab

Yeomen

Phil Elphinstone, David Gerard, Ron Mack, Ron Pidcock, Adam Purton, Darren Rosenfeld, Alex Scutt  
Citizens

Phil Elphinstone, Rodney Garratt, Chris McInnis, Ron Mack, Simon Messer, Adam Purton, Jamie Tan  
Naomi Absolom, Frances Brooks, Anna Castle, Estelle Fyffe, Judy Hall, Naomi Hobbs, Elizabeth McC  
Children

Eleanor Fisk, Liam O'Meara, Evelyn O'Meara, Ed Resic, Marcus Wong.

Director and Designer

Robert Ray

Musical Director

John Ferguson

Chorus Direction

Kevin Kelley

Rehearsal Pianist

Karl Geiger

Lighting Designers

Colin Mortley and Jason Bovaird

Scenic Art

Josephine Cobb

Orchestra

**Violins:** Chantal Roddy (Concertmaster), Sylvia Winfield, Lesley O'Meara, Margaret Ward, Debra

Production Crew

**Production Manager:** Andrew McGrail. **Chief Repetiteur:** Karl Geiger. **Repetiteur:**

Costume Makers

*Dame Carruthers and Liesel* designed and executed by Phillip Rhodes.

<i>Colonel Fairfax</i>	- Janet O'Meara.
<i>Jack Point</i>	- Frank Val and Margaret Ward.
<i>Elsie Maynard</i>	- Robyn Pidcock and Stephanie Gibson.
<i>Phoebe Meryll</i>	- Frances Brookes.
<i>Wilfred Shadbolt</i>	- Lisa McGrail.
<i>Leonard Meryll</i>	- Pat Dawson and Beverley Fagan.
<i>Townswomen's caps</i>	- Suzanne Hume.
<i>Tudor smocks</i>	- Judy Hall.
<i>Townswomen's dresses</i>	- June Shearsmith.