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# EARLY EVENING LECTURE

## Bernard Lockett

### The Heritage of Gilbert and Sullivan

Tuesday 12 January 2021 at 7.00pm



The works of Gilbert and Sullivan are a quintessential part of our theatrical and cultural heritage and are second only to William Shakespeare as the most played works in the English Language world-wide as the shows continue to be enjoyed to-day throughout the world.

For nearly 150 years, Gilbert and Sullivan productions have influenced popular culture in the English-speaking world.

This lecture will include an overview of some of Gilbert and Sullivan's operas in the context of the political atmosphere of their time. Bernard will highlight the satire and background of many of the works and wryly compare them to today's world and consider the world-wide popularity of Gilbert and Sullivan in the 21st Century.

Bernard is an author and speaker and a Trustee of the International Gilbert and Sullivan Festival and of the National Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company – [www.gsfestivals.org](http://www.gsfestivals.org) – and as an author, two of his books are about Gilbert and Sullivan. Bernard has broadcast on various programmes on BBC Radio 2,3 & 4 on the subject.

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