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An Introduction to...

# Gilbert & Sullivan

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This audio-biography sets out to explain the timeless popularity enjoyed by the operettas of Gilbert and Sullivan: a colourful partnership that formed two of the most successful writers in the history of light music. It highlights Gilbert's mastery of language – his wit, his turn of phrase, his brilliant lyrics (alternately very funny and deeply moving) – and the special melodic gift which enabled Arthur Sullivan to write music of such beauty and style. While each was a master of his craft, it was the combination that created magic sparks and guaranteed Gilbert and Sullivan a place in musical history.

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