

## Notes October 8 & 9

Once again, our friends over at [Janssen Funeral Homes](#) are sponsoring a night of Classical music with a Halloween twist. In an effort to appease the ghouls and goblins, the festivities will commence as the sun sets, 6 pm, and will last until the witching hour at midnight. As darkness settles in, and the veil between the living and spirit worlds thins, we'll provide frights and delights to keep the ghosts at bay.

Saturday Night at the Opera - "The Pirates of Penzance" by Gilbert & Sullivan Frederick's had a lot of tough breaks in his life. When just a little lad, he was apprenticed to pirates and forced to participate in their criminal activities. And just when he thought his apprenticeship had expired at the age of twenty one and he was free, it turned out that he was born on Leap Day, and his apprenticeship would last until his twenty first birthday, if he lived that long. His story is presented in the form of a light opera on Saturday Night at the Opera, here on KLEF, celebrating Leap day, Saturday, at 8 o'clock Alaska time.

William Gilbert seemed like the very model of a stuffy Victorian, but he spent his career, and made a fortune, but teaming up with the gifted composer Arthur Sullivan to attack ever institution that the British held dear. You can hear with lilting song their withering look at the concept of duty, The Pirates of Penzance, or the Slave of Duty, on KLEF's Saturday Night at the Opera, tonight at 8 o'clock, Alaska time.

Remember the Anchorage Opera is presenting The Pirates of Penzance as their opening Opera this season, October 21 – 23 <https://anchorageopera.org/the-pirates-of-penzance/>

Sacred Concert – This week Jon Sharpe presents a Vaughan Williams retrospective 150 Years after his birth. Ralph Vaughan Williams was born October 12, 1872, and died August 26, 1958. He was quite prolific writing operas, ballets, chamber music, vocal pieces (both secular and religious), and orchestral compositions including symphonies in his over 60 year career. Many believe he did not find his true voice until he was well into his 30s. That's when he studied with Maurice Ravel (1907 and 1908), and it's believed that helped clarify the textures of his music. Vaughn Williams was also connected to two very well-known Brits, his mother's great-grandfather was Josiah Wedgwood (the famous potter), and her uncle was Charles Darwin. Sacred Concert is underwritten by Dominion Propeller Corporation providing Aircraft Propeller sales, repair, and service [grallsup@dominionpropeller.com](mailto:grallsup@dominionpropeller.com) [Dominion Propeller](#)

From the Top - We are pleased to present a special episode dedicated to the 25th Anniversary of the Sphinx Organization, the Detroit-based, nationally focused social justice organization dedicated to transforming lives through the power of diversity in the arts.

The episode features musical excerpts from a live performance by critically-acclaimed chamber orchestra, the Sphinx Virtuosi, and stories told by the musicians, leaders, and educators whose lives

have been changed by Sphinx. It also explores the pivotal role Sphinx has played in expanding diversity in the arts.

From the Top has proudly featured Sphinx Laureates on the program since 2000.

Host: Peter Dugan. <https://fromthetop.org/musician/sphinx-virtuosi/>

Classics for Kids - Mystery! Mystery! For Children as told by Jim Weiss. This week on Classics for Kids, our favorite storyteller, Jim Weiss, brings us some classic mysteries from Edgar Allan Poe, G.K. Chesterton, and Arthur Conan Doyle. Classics for Kids, brought to you by Alaska Junior Theater, Sunday night at 7 on 98.1 FM KLEF Anchorage.

Our favorite storyteller, Jim Weiss, spins mysterious yarns to help kick off the month of October, this Sunday night at 7 on Classics for Kids, brought to you by Alaska Junior Theater! Who is blackmailing the Queen with information about her illicit love affair? Can YOU solve the mystery of "The Purloined Letter" by Edgar Allan Poe? G.K. Chesterton's esteemed detective Valentin, is on the trail of Flambeau, who is scheming to steal "The Blue Cross" which Father Brown is taking to a conference. Can Valentin find Flambeau in time to stop the theft? And, who is the mysterious man who hired red-headed Jabez Wilson to copy an encyclopedia? Does he have a connection to a bank robbery? It's a mystery to solve, by Arthur Conan Doyle. Thrill to each of these tales, Sunday night at 7 as we bring you "Mystery! Mystery!" only on 98.1 FM KLEF Anchorage.