

Second Danseuse
Juvenile
Comic
Corps de Ballet

Miss Blanche Leopold
Master A. Leopold
Mr S. Darbyshire
Misses Louise Aitcheson, Florence Ashley, Kate
Ashley, Emilie Kaye, Maude Paul, L. Stewart

ORCHESTRA

First Violins
Second Violins
Cello
Double Bass
Flute
Oboe
Clarinet
First Cornet
Second Cornet
Trombone
Drums
Piano and Chorus Master
Conductor

Martin Simonsen and T. Thompson (leader)
Carl Richty and Mr Isherwood
S. Bernard
J. Richardson
W. Stoneham
Herr Schott
H. Warnecke
N. Hallas
W. Stoneham, Jun.
Mr Weber
J. Henry
C. B. Foster
Martin Simonsen

SUPPORT STAFF

Mechanist
Costumier
Advance Agent
Business Manager

Mr J. P. Thomas
Mrs Thomas
Mr M. L. Raphael
Mr W. T. Keith

Also travelling with the Company were Fanny and Martin Simonsen's oldest daughter, Leonora, and the Thomas's daughter, Laetitia. They may well have been the unnamed 'assistants' to Mrs Thomas. Laetitia also played the child Arline in Act I of *The Bohemian Girl*.

REFERENCES

The material for this article has been derived mainly from contemporary newspapers, particularly the following which are all held in the Alexander Turnbull Library's newspaper collection: *Southland Times*, *Evening Star* (Dunedin), *Otago Daily Times*, *Otago Witness*, *Star* (Christchurch), *Lyttelton Times*, *Evening Post* (Wellington), *New Zealand Mail*, *Hawkes Bay Times*, *Taranaki Herald*, *Daily Southern Cross* (Auckland), *Thames Advertiser*, *Colonist* (Nelson) and *Nelson Evening Mail*.

- 1 The Croatian Soprano, Ilma di Murska (1836-89), a leading international prima donna.
- 2 The first, Allen's Royal English Opera Company, had actually left several months earlier, en route to India.
- 3 *Otago Witness*, 18 March 1876, p. 15.
- 4 *Otago Daily Times*, 26 October 1876, p. 2.
- 5 *Otago Witness*, 18 March 1876, p. 15.
- 6 *Lyttelton Times*, 31 December 1867, p. 2.