## April 1747

JUDAS MACCHABAEUS. Judas - Beard; Simon and Eupolemus - Reinhold; 1st Israelite Woman - Signora Gambarini; 2nd Israelite Woman, Priest and Israelite Man - Signora Galli (Dean, Handel's Dramatic Oratorios, p. 471). Also a new concerto.

COMMENT. Text by the Rev. Dr Thomas Morrell; Music by Handel. [Dean quotes Lord Shaftesbury as saying the oratorio went off with great applause.]

Wednesday 1

PATIE AND ROGER. Cast not listed. SINGING. Select Songs, by Cunningham.

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COMMENT. By Desire of several Gentlemen and Ladies. Benefit Cunningham.

JULIUS CAESAR. As 28 March. Also THE DRAGON OF WANTLEY. Cast not listed, but see 10 March.

Thursday 2

SINGING. I: An Italian Song in Italian, by the Mechels with a dance by Muilment. DANCING. II: Lourre and Minuet by the Mechels. III: Sailor's Dance by the Mechels. IV: By Mlle Mechel. V: Grand Comic Dance by the Mechels &c.

COMMENT. Benefit the Mechels. Tickets deliver'd out for the Confederacy will be taken.

THE STRATAGEM. As 3 Nov. 1746, but Archer – Ryan. Also MISS IN HER COTEENS. As 30 March.

COMMENT. Mainpiece: At the Desire of Several Persons of Quality. Benefit John Hippisley. [Receipts: £72 17s. 6d. plus £93 1s. from tickets without Stage (Account Books, Egerton 2268)]. Receipts: £165 18s. 6d.

We hear Mr Hippisley is so far recover'd from his late illness, that, tho' considerably alter'd in his physiognomy, and lower'd in spirits, he persuades himself a crowded house on Thursday next, at the Stratagem for his benefit, will create a smile on his countenance, raise his spirits, and make him appear as much a Scrub as ever.

THE WONDER; A Woman Keeps a Secret. Felix - Goodfellow; Cibby - L. Hallam; Lissardo - Cushing; Violante - Mrs Hallam; Flora - Mrs Cushing. Also MISS IN HER TEENS. Fribble - Cushing; Tag - Mrs Cushing; but see 24 March.

SINGING. By Brett.

DANCING. As 24 Nov. 1746.

COMMENT. Benefit Brett and Mrs Cushing.

JUDAS MACCHABAEUS. Cast not listed, but see I April.

Friday 3 CG

OTHELLO. As 4 Feb., but Desdemona – Mrs Elmy. Also THE INTRIGUING CHAMBERMAID. Chambermaid – Mrs Clive; Drunken Colonel – Macklin; but see 27 Oct. 1746.

Saturday 4 DL

DANCING. II: By Muilment &c. v: Sailor's Dance, as 2 April.

SINGING. IV: By Lowe.

COMMENT. Benefit Mrs Elmy. Tickets and places of Hobson, and of Mrs Elmy at her lodgings at the Star in Bow St., Covent Garden.

THE DISTRESS'D MOTHER. Distress'd Mother – Mrs Cibber; Pylades – CG Havard; Phoenix – Rosco; Cephisa – Mrs Hale; Cleone – Mrs Bland; Pyrrhus – Quin; Orestes – Ryan; Hermione – Mrs Pritchard. Also MISS IN HER TEENS. As 30 March.

