

LaLauze, Le Cointe, Lucas, Miles, Mrs Roland, and Miss Toogood.  
*Singers*: Baker, Howard, Mrs Lampe, Legge.

The opera, under Vaneschi's management, gave 54 performances with a company (as I reconstruct it from the playbills) of 10 major singers and 4 dancers: *Singers*: Ciprandi, Signora Curioni, De Giardini (leader of the orchestra), Frasi, Signora Frasi, Colomba Mattei, Signora Mingotti, Mondini, Peroline, and Ricciarelli. *Dancers*: Signora Banti, Bugiani, Maranesi, and Poitier Jr.

Thirty-five actors and actresses put on some 27 performances at booths and minor playhouses: Miss Barton, Blakey, Miss Carey, Carr, Mrs Charke, Mrs Chetwood, T. Cibber, Miss Cowslade, Miss Davies, Mrs Frimble, Frisby, Mrs Harman, Jones, Miss Jones, May, Metteer, Mrs Midnight, Pack, Page, Parker, Pinner, Pittard, Platt, Pleaseaway, Mrs Price, Quelch, Mrs Quelch, Roebuck, Miss Sparroworth, Miss Sweetlips, Tagg, Turner, Venables, Walker, and Walters. A dozen *Dancers* and *Singers* enlivened these shows: Batichel, Signora Fiorentina, Lauder, Signora Passerini, Pazzaglia, Perlata, Phillips, Mrs St. John, Settree, Miss Thomas, Mrs Vaux, and Joseph Woodbridge (kettle drummer).

Some of the names betray the influence of Christopher Smart, but he seems to have taken no active part in theatrical performances this season.

## September 1755

**THE RECRUITING OFFICER.** Capt. Plume – Palmer; Worthy – Havard; Bullock – Taswell; Capt. Brazen – Woodward; Justice Balance – Burton; Kite – Berry; Welsh Collier – Blakes; Recruits – Yates and Vaughan; Melinda – Mrs Davies; Lucy – Mrs Bennet; Rose – Miss Minors; Sylvia – Miss Macklin. Also **THE ANATOMIST.** Beatrice – Mrs Bennet; Le Medicin – Blakes; Crispin – Yates.

*Saturday 13*  
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**COMMENT.** Drury Lane Theatre open'd Sat: Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. The House new Gilt, Painted & ornamented w<sup>th</sup> Festoons &c. Mr Mossop left us. Mr Wilder discharg'd. Mrs Mills is gone to end her Days in Wales, w<sup>th</sup> an Allowance of £20 per An: from the Managers (Cross). Boxes 5s. Pit 3s. Gallery 2s. Upper Gallery 1s. No money returned after the Curtain is up. No Persons to be admitted behind the Scenes. Places for Boxes to be had of Mr Varney at the Stage Door. [Notice customarily repeated and will not be further noted.] Receipts: £109 (Cross).

**THE REHEARSAL.** Bayes – Cibber; Johnson – Parker; Smith – Metteer; Kings of Brentford – Pleaseaway and Turner; Volscius – Mrs Charke; Prettyman – Miss Barton; Drawcansir – Carr; Cordelio – Venables; Tom – Pittard; Fisherman – Pinner; Usher – Quelch; Physician – Blakey; Thunder – Pinner; Lightning – Miss Carey; Armarillis – Miss Cowslade; Clovis – Mrs Quelch; Parthenope – Mrs Chetwood; Pallas – Mrs Midnight; Sun – Mrs Price; Moon – Miss Davies;

*Monday 15*  
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