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Their 25th Annual Production

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

or, The Slave of Duty

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Set Designer Richard Nebel Costume Designer Frieda Estes Bridgeman

Lighting Designer Christopher Barker Properties Designer Jose Polansky

Producers
John Barker and Edward Elder

Argument

Act I

When Frederic was a little boy, his nurse, Ruth, was ordered to apprentice him as a *pilot*. Unfortunately, she misunderstood and sent him to a band of *pirates*. Although Frederic loathed the trade to which he had been bound, he dutifully served until he was 21. As the play begins, his indentures are up. He prepares to leave the pirates, urging them to join him in embracing a more lawful calling. They refuse.

Meanwhile, Ruth longs to go with Frederic and dreams of becoming his wife. Having seen few women, Frederic does not know if Ruth is as pretty as she claims, but consents to let her join him.

A group of girls, wards of Major-General Stanley, appear and Frederic's plans are shaken. One girl, Mabel, falls in love with Frederic. Surprised by their good fortune, the pirates selze the other girls and threaten immediate marriage. When the Major-General arrives and sees the captured girls, he attempts to disuade the pirates by a ruse. Knowing the pirates are orphans, he plays on their sympathies and tells them he, too, is an orphan; the pirates release him and his wards.

Act II

Troubled by his lie, we find the Major-General brooding in his ruined chapel. His wards console him, and reveal Frederic's plan to lead the police to the pirates.

An unexpected twist changes the plot when the Pirate King and Ruth discover Frederick was born on February 29, and has only had five birthdays. Since his indentrues don't expire until his 21st birthday, dutiful Frederic rejoins the pirates. A loyal pirate once more, he confesses the Major-General's plot. The pirates set out to seize the Major-General.

But the police appear and charge the pirates to yield, "in Queen Victoria's name." Ruth abruptly stops the police, insisting the pirates are "noblemen gone wrong." The police pardon the pirates and the Major-General permits the pirates to marry his wards.

Musical Numbers

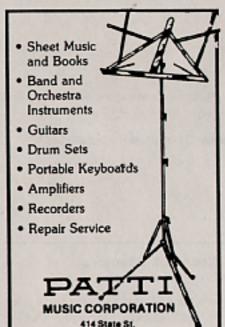
Overture

Act I

Pour, O pour the pirate sherry Samuel & Pirates
When Frederick was a little lad
Oh, better far to live and die
Oh, false one, you have deceived me
Climbing over rocky mountain
Oh, is there not one maiden breast Frederic, Mabel & Daughters
Poor wandering one
How beautifully blue the sky Frederic, Mabel & Daughters
I am the very model of a modern Major-General
Major-General, Ensemble
Finale, Act I
15-minute intermission

Act II

Oh, dry the glistening tear
When the foeman bares his steel
· · · · · Sergeant, Mabel, Edith, Major-General, Police & Daughters
When you had left our pirate fold Ruth, Frederic & Pirate King
Away, away! My heart's on fire Ruth, Frederic & Pirate King
Stay, Frederic, stay
When a felon's not engaged in his employment Sergeant & Police
With cat-like tread
Sighing softly to the river Major-General & Ensemble
Finale, Act II



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Dramatis Personae

(In order of appearance)

Samuel	Michael Comiskey
The Pirate King	Bruce Clawson
Frederic	Thomas Kim
Ruth	Terry M.Kiss
Edith	Katrina Van Droel
Kate	Lisa Reichel
Isabel	Catherine Cooke
Mabel	
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Sergeant of Police	Judson Harmon

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... A special thanks to Bill Beckstrand, from Stoughton, for tuning the rehearsal plano!

Also appearing as a Pirate/Police is John Hanson

Directors' Notes

What makes a talented group of performers give up six weeks of their summer evenings to rehearse and perform shows written over 100 years ago? Is it the humor, which some how still seems topical? Is it the lyrical, unashamedly romantic music? Is it the opportunity to strive to excell and to grow in our art and craft? Is it the parties?

It's all of that, but it's something more. It's the friendship, the camaraderie, and the love that we come to feel for the group that becomes more than a cast, more than an ensemble, perhaps even an extended family.

Whether you have been associated with the group for 25 years (on and off), or only more recently, those feelings for your fellow performers bring you back to Savoyards.

We hope and trust that those feelings will extend across the footlights to you, our audience.

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Who's Who

Wendy Jaquint-Rowe (Mabel) is a graduate of the UW-Madison with a Bachelors of Music degree in Vocal Performance. With the Madison Savoyards, Wendy has performed in Patience as Patience (1982), the Mikado as Yum-Yum (1983), The Yeoman of the Guard as Elsie Maynard, and as the Plaintiff in our Silver Celebration production of Trial By Jury. She has appeared as Papagena in The Magic Flute (1984) and Norina in Don Pasquale (1986) with the UW Opera. Wendy performed the role of the countess in The Song of Norway in 1985 and 86. She was first place winner at the NATS for the Junior, Senior, and Graduate levels and winner of the UW concerto Concert Competition in 1985. More recently, Wendy was a finalist in the 1987 District Metropolitan Opera Audition as highest ranking of the Dane County contestants. Wendy continues to study voice with Illona Kombrink. She teaches voice privately and works at First Federal in the Mortgage Loan Processing Department.

Thomas KIm (Frederic) was born in Brooklyn, New York, and has a Bachelor Degree in Computer Science and Music from Vassar College. He is currently working on a Master's in Choral Conducting under Robert Fountain, and is the Director of Music at Christ the King Church in McFarland. He is also a Lead Computer Operator at Affiliated University Physicians. This is Tom's first appearance with the Madison Savoyards. He has previously performed in productions of Dido and Aeneas and Mozart's Bastien and Bastienne at Vassar, and was the Chorus Master of the UW production of Dido and Aeneas. Tom's favorite color is white, and his goal in life is to win \$10,000,000 from Ed McMahon.

Bruce Clawson(Pirate King) is currently earning his teacher certification in Music at the UW, and has a Bachelor's in Voice from Luther College. He has studied with Joan Kepecs and Cary Michaels, and is a member of the UW Concert Choir and Early Music Ensemble. Bruce has appeared in the UW Opera productions of The Magic Flute, Eugene Onegin, and Dido and Aeneas, as well as the Savoyards' The Mikado. He is also a member of the Grant Park Symphony Chorus. Bruce studies classical guitar with Jaime Guiscaire, and claims that 'he is an orphan boy."

Bill Jordan (Major General) has participated in community theater productions since the age of eleven. At the University Theater he performed in Richard Schechner's Richard's Lear and played the role of Puck in A Midsummer Night's Dream. Since then he has worked with Wisconsin Youth Theater, Madison Theater Guild, Madison Repertory Theater, the Young Artists' Association, the West High School theater department, and the American Players Theatre. His work with Savoyards began when he served as Assistant to the Director on our production of The Yeoman of the Guard. Last year he sang in the chorus of H.M.S. Pinafore. Bill has studied voice with Bettina Bjorksten for five years and last year he performed with the University Choral Union.

Terry M. Kiss (Ruth) is participating in her fourth Savoyards production. She appeared as Phoebe in Yeoman of the Guard (1964), the Duchess of Plaza-Toro in The Gondolfers (1965), and Buttercup in last year's production of H.M.S. Pinafore. She was featured in The Children's Theatre of Madison's production of Godspell and performed Laurey in their production of Oklahoma this spring. Terry is very active behind the scenes; this is her second year as President of the Board of Directors for the Madison Savoyards.

Judson A. Harmon (Sergeant of Police) is an evaluation consultant with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Judd is a veteran Madison Savoyard, having appeared as the Pirate King in the 1981 production of Pirates, Pooh Bah in The Mikado (1983), Sergeant Meryll in The Yeoman of the Guard (1984), Antonio in The Gondoliers (1985), and the ship's carpenter in H.M.S. Pinafore (1986). Michael Comiskey (Samuel) is performing in his first Madison Savoyard production. He has appeared in UW Opera productions and has been a member of the UW Concert Choir and Choral Union. Offstage, Mike, a UW-Madison graduate, works for Oscar Mayer Foods as a computer programmer/analyst.

Katrina Van Dreet (Edith) is a junior in Music Education at the UW-Madison. She has studied voice with Cary Michaels for two years and performed a recital and took a first at the NATS contest this fall. Katrina joined the Savoyards this summer so she wouldn't miss Lisa and Bruce—they have all of their classes together.

Lisa Reichl (Kate) is a senior at the UW-Madison where she studies voice with Lois Fisher. Coming from a musical family, she has always been active in music and theatre productions. Last year, she became involved in the UW Opera, participating in Opera Workshop and performing in both Dido and Aeneas and Eugene Onegin. She also won first place at the NATS competition last fall. Lisa plans to graduate in May 1989 with a degree in General and Choral Music Education.

Catherine Cooke (Isabel) is a published writer of medieval fantasy novels, and a Gilbert & Sullivan devotee since spending a summer performing with the College Light Opera Company in Cape Cod. She appeared in the chorus of H.M.S. Pinafore last year, and also was featured in the Children's Theatre of Madison's production of Godspell. Catherine is a board member and the 1987 publicity chair for the Madison Savoyards.

William Welnert (Musical Director) is a native of Pittsburgh. He has studied at the Oberlin College Conservatory, the Salzburg Mozarteum, and the UW-Madison. In 1985 he completed a Doctorate in Choral Conducting from the US-Madison, where he is currently Assistant Professor of Music and Director of the UW-Madison Chamber Singers and Chorale. William served as musical director for the 1983 Madison Savoyards production of The Mikado, after playing in the orchestra for two previous productions. He has conducted opera productions and choral ensembles at both UW-Madison and UW-Mikraukee, and served for two years as Director of Choral Activities at UW-Parkside in Kenosha. A founding member of the Schuetz Ensemble of Madison, he has appeared with this group as both vocal soloist and conductor. He has also appeared as a recitalist, and as baritone soloist with the Kenosh Symphony Orchestra.

David Lawver (Stage Director) was a founding member of the Savoyards and served in many capacities during the group's formative years, including director of The Pirates of Penzance, Princess Ida, and The Mikado. He has directed The Stroller's Theatre (Equus and The Wayside Motor Inn), the Stoughton Village Players (South Pacific, Fiorello, and Kiss Me Kate), and the Oregon Straw Hat Players (Camelot, Oliver), and Damn Yankees). David appeared as Wifred Shadbolt in Yeoman of the Guard (1984) and The Learned Judge in our Silver Celebration Trial By Jury. In addition, he has acted with many area theatres, including Wilson Street East, Strollers, and Children's Theatre of Madison. He stage managed for Limelite Dinner Playhouse, Wisconsin Youth Theatre, and the UW Opera, as well as for our H.M.S. Pinafore production last summer. By day, David is employed by the Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Carol Alleman (Stage Manager) has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theatre from the University of Illinois. She has stage managed for the Oregon Straw Hat Players' production of Damn Yankees and Stoughton Village Players' production of South Pacific as well as Madison Theatre Guild's A Streetcar Named Desire. As an actress, she has performed in The Wayside Motor Inn with the Strollers Theatre, The Children's Hour, and Caught in the Villan's Web for the Madison Theatre Guild. This fall Carol will be back on stage in the Strollers' production of Vanities. During the day she works at WHA-TV in television production.

Donald La Fave (Technical Director) is the Assistant Drama Director and Technical Director/Designer for J.M. Memorial High School. Don was Technical Director for the Savoyards' production of H.M.S Pinafore (1986). He has been Technical Director for the ARK Repertory Theatre, Middleton Recreation Department, Wisconsin Ballet Academy, Oakwood Encore '86, '87, the John Michael Kohler Arts Center, and was Designer Technical Director for the Stagecoach Players 1983 and 1984 seasons. Don is also Vice President for the Savoyards' Board of Executives.

Richard Nebel (Set Designer)has just started a new job working as the TD Designer with the Sunset Playhouse in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. Richard has also designed free-lance for the Sunshine Dinner Playhouse in Champagne, Illinois. This is his second show with the Savoyards.

Freida Estes Bridgeman (Costume Designer) is a Professor of Theatre at the UW-Steven's Point and holds a Doctorate in Theatre Design. She is also a member of the United Scenic Artists Association. A prolific designer, Dr. Bridgeman has designed sets and/or costumes for community and professional theater during her career. She also designs and teaches stage make-up.

Christopher Barker (Lighting Director) This production of Pirates completes a circle begun twelve years ago when Christopher ran the light board for the 1977 Savoyards production of Pirates. Since then he has worked on 11 Savoyard productions in the capacity of electrician and stage carpenter. Last year, he was lighting designer for H.M.S. Pinafore. Chris has also designed lighting for numerous other theatrical productions. Most recently including Jazzworks, Synergy, and the Midwest Choreographers' Concert.

Jose Polansky (*Props Designer*) Since his move to Wisconsin in 1960, Jose, a native of New York, has been quite active in the theatre scene. He has been seen in the Madison area acting with many theatre groups including MTG, Strollers, University Players, and The Rep. He has received awards for his performance in *Death of a Salesman* and *Thousand Clowns*. For the past three seasons Jose has designed props for The Rep in Madison. *Pirates* is Jose's second show with the Madison Savoyards, having designed props for *H.M.S. Pinatore* last season. Jose also models for brochures and performs in television commercials.



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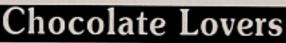
This year has been exciting as we celebrate our 25th season. A special mailing let us update our list of friends and supporters and find out what "old Savoyards" are up to these days! June found us back at our very first performance hall, First Congregational Church, to perform *Trial By Jury* and a selection of favorite songs from past shows. The response was wonderful.

Madison Savoyards, LTD. was founded with a commitment to excellence in performing Gilbert and Sullivan operas. Today this commitment forms the foundation of our company. Each production brings excitement and anticipation. For our dedicated board of directors, staff, and volunteers, it is the culmination of months of work. We hope you will share our excitement and satisfaction as we present this year's performance.

Please take a moment to read our Quarterly member newsletter, "The Savoyardage" inserted in the program. This issue explains some terminology used in Pirates of Penzance.

We appreciate comments, contributions, and commitments of time and talent. If you have any to offer, please contact us at P.O. Box 1612, Madison, 53701. In the meantime, sit back and enjoy the show! Our greatest joy is having <u>you</u> in the audience. Thank you for joining us in this production.

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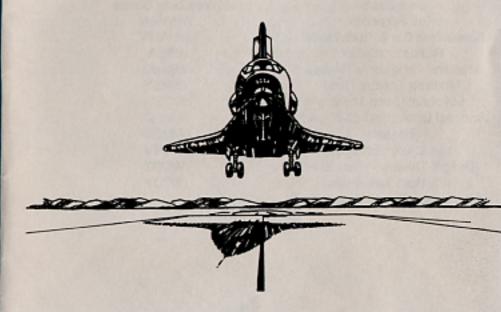
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