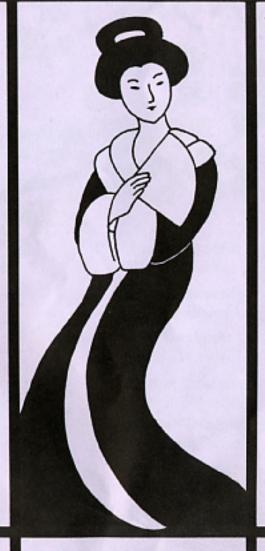
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Stage Director Michael Goldberg

Music Director William Weinert

Set Designer D.R. Torney

Lighting Designer Kenneth Ferencek

Costume Designer Susan Lynn Gustaf

Technical Director Jim McWilliams

> Stage Manager Eric Replinger

Asst. Chorus Master Steve Kushner

> Producer John Barker

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Argument

Before the action of the opera begins, Nanki-Poo has fled from the court of his father, the Mikado of Japan, to escape marriage with an elderly lady named Katisha. Assuming the disguise of a musician, he has then fallen in love with a fair maiden, Yum-Yum; but he has been prevented from marrying her by her guardian, Ko-Ko, who wishes to marry her himself. Ko-Ko, however, has been condemned to death for flirting, and when Act I opens Nanki-Poo is hastening to the court of Ko-Ko in Titipu to find out whether Yum-Yum is now free to marry him.

From Pooh-Bah (a corrupt and proud public official) and Pish-Tush (a nobleman), Nanki-Poo learns that Ko-Ko has instead become Lord High Executioner, thus preventing the sentence of decapitation from being carried out. Ko-Ko is, in fact, going to marry Yum-Yum that very afternoon.

Everything seems to be going well for Ko-Ko, but suddenly a letter comes from the Mikado ordering him to execute somebody or else lose his position of Lord High Executioner. He is in a quandary to find someone to execute, when Nanki-Poo appears, bent upon suicide because he cannot marry Yum-Yum. By conceding to him the right to marry Yum-Yum for a month, Ko-Ko persuades Nanki-Poo to be the subject for the public execution when that month is up. There is general rejoicing in this appearent solution to the problem, marred only by the unexpected appearance of Katisha in quest of the vanished object of her affections, Nanki-Poo. She is driven away but threatens to go to the Mikado about the matter.

Act II opens with Yum-Yum preparing for her marriage with Nanki-Poo. As all are singing a merry madrigal, Ko-Ko comes in with the news that he has just discovered a law stating that when a married man is executed his wife must be buried alive. To save Yum-Yum from that fate, Nanki-Poo decides to kill himself at once. But this again throws Ko-Ko into a quandary to find someone to execute, especially as he has heard that the Mikado is at that moment on his way to Titipu. Nanki-Poo magnanimously offers himself for immediate decapitation, but Ko-Ko is unable to perform the act without some practice.

Another way out of the difficulty presents itself: Ko-Ko has Pooh-Bah make a false affidavit that Nanki-Poo has been executed, and bids Nanki-Poo and Yum-Yum leave the country.

The Mikado soon appears. Ko-Ko thinks that the object of this visit is to see whether the execution has taken place. He accordingly produces the affidavit and describes with gusto the execution. But the Mikado has actually come at the prompting of Katisha in search of his lost son. When the fact transpires that the person whom Ko-Ko has supposedly executed is really the Mikado's son, Ko-Ko and his accomplices are declared guilty of "compassing the death of the Heir Apparent." The only hope for them is to admit the falsehood of the affidavit and produce Nanki-Poo alive—or find some other way out....



Musical Numbers

| OvertureOrchestra |
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| Act I: The Titipu Town Square |
| If You Want To Know Who We Are |
| A Wand'ring Minstrel 1 |
| Our Great Mikado, Virtuous Man |
| Young Man, Despair Pooh-Bah, Nanki-Poo, Pish-Tush |
| And Have I Journeyed For A Month |
| Behold The Lord High Executioner |
| As Some Day It May Happen |
| Comes A Train Of Little Ladies |
| Three Little Maids From School Are We Yum-Yum, Peep-Bo, Pitti-Sing, Girls |
| So Please You, Sir, We Much Regret . Yum-Yum, Peep-Bo, Pitti-Sing, Pooh-Bah, Girls |
| Were You Not To Ko-Ko Plighted |
| I Am So Proud |
| With Aspect Stern And Gloomy Stride |
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There will be a 15-minute intermission.

Act II: Ko-Ko's Garden

| Braid The Raven Hair |
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| The Sun, Whose Rays Are All Ablaze |
| Brightly Dawns Our Wedding Day Yum-Yum, Pitti-Sing, Nanki-Poo, Pish-Tush |
| Here's A How-De-Do! |
| Mi-Ya Sa-MaMikado, Katisha, Girls, Men |
| A More Humane Mikado |
| The Criminal Cried As He Dropped Him Down |
| Ko-Ko, Pitti-Sing, Pooh-Bah, Girls, Men |
| See How The Fates Their Gifts Allot Mikado, Pitti-Sing, Pooh-Bah, Ko-Ko, Katisha |
| The Flowers That Bloom In The Spring. |
| Nanki-Poo, Ko-Ko, Yum-Yum, Pitti-Sing, Pooh-Bah |
| Alone, And Yet Alive! |
| Willow, Tit-Willow |
| There Is Beauty In The Bellow Of The Blast |
| For He's Gone And Married Yum-Yum |
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Jeannie Jerde

Makeup Designer: Betsy Cox

Makeup: Jan Kettler, Mary Ann Gonczy, Kay Zorich, Louise Lathrop,

Ellen Carla Barker

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Dramatis Personae

| THE MIKADO OF JAPAN | LYNN BERG | | | | |
|--|----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| NANKI-POO, His Son, disguised as a wandering minstrel, | | | | | |
| and in love with Yum-Yum | THOMAS MURPHY | | | | |
| KO-KO, Lord High Executioner of Titipu PATI | RICK JOSEPH LINEHAN | | | | |
| POOH-BAH, Lord High Everything Else | | | | | |
| PISH-TUSH, A Noble Lord | MARK RANUM | | | | |
| | WENDY JAQUINT | | | | |
| PITTI-SING > Three Sisters, Wards of Ko-Ko . | ALLISANNE APPLE | | | | |
| PEEP-BO | RACHEL RIESE | | | | |
| KATISHA, An Elderly Lady, in love with Nanki- | Poo . JULIE R. SODDY | | | | |

Chorus of School-Girls, Nobles, Guards and Coolles:

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Elders: Frederic Cassidy, Margaret Steadman

Children: Peter Georgelan, Jack Magee, Katherine Nauman

| | William Weinert Gretchen Wallbrunn | | |
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| Violin 1 | Raymond Leung Wendy Buehl Gretchen Wallbrunn | Flute | Kathleen Cook Peggy Bruns |
| | Anna Bittar | Oboe | Linda Edelstein |
| Violin II | Greg Reed Hector Valdivia | Clarinet | Grant Von Wald Maureen Seibert |
| | Lola Yde | Bassoon | Terry Grush |
| Viola | Steven Bruns Karen Bryan | Horn | Steve Thurlow Robin Von Wald |
| | | Trumpet | Connie Fellows Michael Gilbert |
| Cello | Peter Steffens Philip Marquess | Trombone | Terry Austin |
| Bass | Blake Feist | Percussion | James Latimer |

Stage Director's Note

Classic—of the highest class; of the first order; approved as a model; standard; leading (OED)

From W.S. Gilbert: His Life And Strife, by Hesketh Pearson, 1957: "[Gilbert and Sullivan's disagreements during their long professional collaboration were] rooted in their natures. Fortunately, their divergences in personality were complementary in art, and it is certain that if they had resembled one another at all closely the perfect unity of their operas could not have been attained. Though inspired by Gilbert's words, Sullivan's music gave them wings, and there emerged an ideal combination of charm and vivacity, delicacy and vigour, sweetness and strength. Had he lived at an earlier period Sullivan would have produced the folk tunes of a nation. As it was, he composed its swan-songs. And when we consider that it came from a man whose illness was both constant and agonizing, we have to admit that history contains no parallel instance of so much joy and beauty created by

"Gilbert's singularity as a librettist was due to his versatility. Many others had been able to write excellent lyrics or clever patter songs or admirable comic verse or witty dialogue, but Gilbert could do the lot, and each of them at least as well as the best of anyone else. Furthermore, he created a world of his own, unlike any other, imposing his own personality on all its inhabitants, a burlesque world into which no real figure was permitted to enter. He showed a masterly restraint in maintaining the atmosphere of this artificial dreamland, never carrying a humorous idea too far, never allowing sentiment to become emotional, and never forgetting that the puppets should be subservient to the plot. He knew to a syllable the practical limitations of his medium and studiously kept within them.

one who suffered so much.

"Even his satire, his most individual quality, never obtrudes. It is sufficiently superficial to be pleasing; it amuses without hurting. By satirizing everything in general, he satirized nothing in particular, and people willingly laugh at themselves when they are able to laugh at others. The Gilbertian cosmos could only have been fashioned by one who enjoyed life and sympathized with the predicament of his fellow creatures."

-Michael Goldberg



About The Savoyards

The success of Gilbert & Sullivan's operas prompted their business manager, Richard D'Oyly Carte, to build a theater for them in the heart of London. On the site of the ancient Savoy Palace, D'Oyly Carte built the first theater in the world to be lit by electricity. It opened on October 10, 1881, with Patience. The works of Gilbert & Sullivan are so closely associated with the theater that they are often called the Savoy Operas, and their devotees are called Savoyards.

Music Director's Note

The Mikado, or, The Town Of Titipu, is one of only two operettas which Gilbert set in a specific exotic locale (the other being The Gondoliers). Although Sullivan considered using large doses of authentic Japanese music to reflect the setting, his final decision was to add only an occasional pinch of Japanese flavoring—and the right decision it was.

Gilbert's satirical counterpoint of authentic (and imagined) Japanese customs versus situations drawn directly from the society of Victorian London is complemented both by the strong Japanese quality of sets, costumes and gestures and by the rich blend of British musical styles—from hornpipe to military march to madrigal—provided by Sullivan. This spicy dissonance between the visual and musical contexts is one key to the unique appeal of The Mikado.

-William Weinert



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Who's Who

Lynn Berg (Mikado) is presently a doctoral candidate at the UW. He has appeared in many opera productions both at the University and with the Madison Civic Opera. His first Gilbert & Sullivan role was that of Don Alhambra in a concert version of Gondollers with the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra.

Thomas Murphy (Nanki-Poo) is a 1982 graduate of the UW School of Music, majoring in Applied Voice, and a student of Thomas Faracco. He recently appeared as the Chevalier in the University Opera production of Poulenc's Dialogue Of The Carmelites and as the Circus Director in the Madison Civic Opera's Bartered Bride. He has previously performed with the Madison Savoyards as Dick Dauntless in Ruddigore and as Frederick in The Pirates Of Penzance.

Patrick Joseph Linehan (Ko-Ko) is a veteran Madison Savoyard. He has appeared in H.M.S. Pinofore (1977) as Captain Corcoran, in *Iolanthe* (1979) as the Lord Chancellor, and in The Pirotes Of Penzance (1981) as Major General Stanley. This past spring he wrote and performed a one-man show, "Pocket Lint: An Evening of Political Satire," produced in the Fredric March Play Circle. In the real world he is a dissertator and lecturer in the Department of Political Science and an academic dean in the College of Letters and Sciences.

Judson Harmon (Pooh-Bah) is an evaluation consultant at the State Department of Public Instruction. Judd has studied with Helen Ceci in Milwaukee and has sung in Madison and Milwaukee. He appeared as the Pirate King in The Pirates Of Penzance in 1981. He played the part of Pooh-Bah in high school in St. Paul 31 years ago.

Mark Ranum (Pish-Tush) made his Madison Savoyards debut as the poet Bunthorne in last year's Patience. A student at the UW, he has appeared in productions at the University Opera and Madison Theatre Guild. He has also sung with Robert Fountain's Concert Choir.

Wendy Jaquint (Yum-Yum) is a 20-year-old junior at the UW-Madison. She has been studying voice with Ilona Kombrink for the past two years. She played the title role in last summer's production of *Patience* and Olga in University Theatre's production of *The Merry Widow*. She likes peanut butter and chocolate (together).



Allisanne Apple (Pitti-Sing), a mezzo-soprano, has appeared with Madison Savoyards in such roles as Mad Margaret in Ruddigore and Iolanthe in Iolanthe. Other credits include the Fairy Queen in Iolanthe with Skylight Comic Opera in Milwaukee, and a year as a member of the Connecticut Opera's Resident Ensemble.

Rachel Riese (Peep-Bo), a NATS Competition winner, is making her Madison Savoyards debut. Last summer she appeared as Maria in West Side Story in her native Appleton. She has also sung the roles of Lola in The Gallantry and Sylivia in Haydn's Deserted Island, both with the University Opera.

Julie R. Soddy (Katisha) makes her third appearance with Madison Savoyards. Last summer she appeared as Lady Angela in Patience and the previous summer as Kate in The Pirates Of Penzance. She has also appeared in various productions with the University Opera, Madison Theatre Guild and Madison Civic Opera. Next fall she plans to begin graduate work in voice at Indiana University.

Michael Goldberg (Stage Director) has directed three other Savoyards shows: Iolanthe (1979), The Zoo (1980) and The Pirates Of Penzance (1981). He has served on the Savoyards Board of Directors and was producer for Princess Ida (1980). For the UW-Madison Opera he has directed Britten's Albert Herring and Stravinsky's The Rake's Progress. He is the Program Director of the Wisconsin Union Theater.

William Weinert (Music Director) is serving as musical director for the Madison Savoyards for the first time this summer. No stranger to the pit at the Union Theater, he has been principal clarinetist in the Savoyards Orchestra for the past two productions. A native of Pittsburgh, he has studied music in Oberlin, Ohio; Saluburg, Austria; Milwaukee and Madison, and is currently a doctoral candidate in choral conducting at UW-Madison. He has conducted choral ensembles and operatic productions at both UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee. During the academic year, he serves as Assistant Professor of Music at UW-Parkside in Kenosha.



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D.R. Torney (Set Designer) previously designed the set for the Savoyards' 1982 production of Patience. Most recently, he designed for the Victory Theatre Association Dayton production of Piaf and served as Tour Technical Director for the Dayton Ballet. He has designed for the Madison Civic Opera productions of Aida, Carmen, Faust and Turandot. He has also worked for dinner theater, dance, film and television.

Susan Lynn Gustaf (Costume Designer) recently moved to Albuquerque, N.M., where she designed costumes for the Albuquerque Opera Theatre productions of Merry Wives Of Windsor, Little Jo and Carmen. She has worked at the Albuquerque Civic Light Opera and on the United Methodist Production of Trial By Jury. Before leaving Madison, she designed for Madison Civic Repertory Theatre, Wisconsin Youth Theatre and Madison Theatre Guild. She has also worked at the Alley Theatre in Houston, UW-Madison, Butler University, University of Colorado-Butler and the Colorado Shakespeare Festival. The Mikado marks her seventh production with the Madison Sevoyards.

Kenneth Ferencek (Lighting Designer) designed lighting for Madison Savoyards' productions of Princess Ida, Pirates Of Penzance and Patience. He is lighting director for WHA-TV and a free-lance lighting designer for theater, ballet and modern dance, designing shows most recently in Montreal and Toronto. He has taught lighting at the University of Montreal and is an active member of IATSE Local 251, Madison stagehands.

Eric Replinger (Stage Manager) has worked as Stage Manager, Master Electrician and Assistant Lighting Designer with the University Theatre and Madison Civic Repertory Theatre. This is his first production with Madison Savoyards.

Betsy Cox (Makeup Designer) got her first technical experience in high school on such productions as Harvey, Tom Jones, South Pacific and Anything Goes. She also worked several summers with the Riverside Players in Neenah, Wis., her home town, on The Music Man, The King And I and Damn Yankees. The past two summers she has been a volunteer at American Players Theatre in Spring Green. She is finishing her B.A. in Agricultural Journalism at UW-Madison.





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Jeannie Jerde, President



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