South Valley Civic Theatre

Presents Gilbert & Sullivan's

The Pirates

Of

Penzance

Directed by Maureen Imagawa
Produced by Rich & Becky Kaiser
Vocal Direction by Deborah Suzuki
Choreographed by Mitzie Imagawa

All performances at the Gilroy High School Theater

Fri April 16, 8pm Sat Apr 17, 2pm Sat Apr 17, 8pm Fri April 23, 8pm Sat Apr 24, 2pm Sat Apr 24, 8pm Fri April 30, 8pm Sat May 1, 2pm Sat May 1, 8pm Fri May 7, 8pm Sat May 8, 2pm Sat May 8, 8pm

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The President's Message

As the newly elected President of the South Valley Civic Theater (SVCT) Board of Directors, I am pleased to welcome you to this performance of "The Pirates of Penzance". Under one name or another SVCT has been performing since 1969, so our upcoming season (1999-2000) will be our 30th anniversary. That's 30 years of performances by your friends and family, because that's who SVCT is – your family and friends. Even though SVCT currently does not have a permanent performance venue, we do the best we can as a "traveling troupe". Finding a performance space to call our own is the greatest challenge facing SVCT.

As a non-profit community theater group SVCT relies completely on the community for its existence. We've lasted for 30 years, so we must have been doing something right. SVCT is able to produce plays only by the income we receive from annual memberships, ticket sales, advertising and donations. We seek monetary support from our community so we can continue to present shows for children, teenagers and adults, which benefit everyone. We provide a place to develop and present the talent of our community members so it can be enjoyed by the rest of the community. Please consider a membership in SVCT for yourself, your family or your business. You don't have to be a performer to enjoy what South Valley Civic Theater does, and your presence in the audience proves that.

Steve Spencer President, SVCT Board of Directors

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The Pirates of Penzance

or The Slave of Duty

When Frederic was yet a little boy, his nurse, Ruth was told to apprentice him to become a pilot. She heard the word incorrectly and apprenticed him to a band of pirates, remaining with them herself as a maid of all work. Although Frederic loathed the trade to which he had thus been bound, he dutifully served; and, as the curtain rises, his indentures are almost up and he is preparing to leave the band and devote himself to the extermination of piracy.

He urges the pirates to join him in embracing a more lawful calling, but they refuse. Ruth, however, wishes to become his wife. Having seen but few women he does not know whether she is really as pretty as she says she is but he finally consents to take her.

Just then a group of girls, all the daughters of Major General Stanley, happen upon the scene. Frederic sees their beauty and Ruth's plainness and renounces her. Of these girls, Mabel takes a particular interest in Frederic, and he in her. The other girls are seized by the pirates and threatened with immediate marriage. When the Major General arrives, he can dissuade the pirates only by a ruse. He tells them that he is an orphan, and so works upon their sympathies that they let him and his wards go free.

During the ensuing days and nights, however, this lie troubles the Major General's conscience. He sits brooding over it at night in a Gothic ruin. He is consoled by his daughter's sympathy and Frederic's plan of immediately leading a band of police against the pirates.

Meanwhile the Pirate King and Ruth have discovered that Frederic's indentures were to run until his twenty-first birthday. He was born on February 29, and has really had only five birthdays. Obeying the dictates of his strong sense of duty, Frederic immediately rejoins the pirates. Frederic tells the pirates of the Major General's deception, and they seize and bind the Major General.

But the police come to the rescue and charge the pirates to yield, "in Queen Victoria's name". This they do as 'they love their queen with all their hearts". Ruth explains, however, that these men who appear to be lawless pirates are really all "noblemen who have gone wrong" and thus they are pardoned and permitted to marry the Major General's wards.

Pirates Penzance

MUSICAL NUMBERS

anist/Percussionist				
ACTI				
Pirates and Samuel Ruth Pirate King and Pirates Frederic and Ruth Girls, Edith and Kate Mabel and Girls Mabel and Girls Girls, Mabel and Frederic Frederic, Girls and Pirates General Major-General, Girls and Pirates Ensemble				
ACT II				
Major-General, Police and GirlsRuth, Frederic and Pirate KingRuth, Pirate King and FredericMabel and Frederic doymentSergeant and Police Steal Pirates, Police and SamuelMajor-General and Ensemble				

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Frederic	Woody Harper
The Pirate King	John Brewer
Understudy	Jared Suzuki
Samuel	
Ruth	Jennifer Hamilton
Understudy	Rebecca Little
Mabel	
Understudy	
Kate	
Isabel	Laurie Brown
Major-General Stanley	Rod Pintello
Understudy	
Sergeant of Police	Jon Reed
Bob	Steve Spencer
Nathaniel	Ken Manning

ENSEMBLE OF MAJOR GENERAL STANLEY'S DAUGHTERS:

Juliana Bayle

Ariane Borgia

Julie Burnett

Rebecca Little

Lori Rankin

Elizabeth Shannon

Nicki Strong

Jennifer Hamilton

ENSEMBLE OF PIRATES:

David Sandhu Christopher Pringle Frank Harper Jeremy Borgia Clint Harper Rod Pintello

Al Chipman

John Brewer

Walt Savell

ENSEMBLE OF POLICE:

Sarah Dalitz

Elise Little

Cara Kaiser

David Sandhu

Laura Glasspool Christopher Pringle

ENSEMBLE OF SERVANTS:

Melanie Fallis

Jacquelyn Quesenberry

Production Staff

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Director/Set Designer	Maureen Imagawa
Producers	Richard and Becky Kaiser
Choreographer	Mitzie Imagawa
Musical Arrangement	Jim O'Briant
Vocal Director	Deborah Suzuki
Pianist	Carol Harris
Percussionist	Chris Grundvig
Back Stage Manager	Mark Fedaliza
Back Stage Assistant	Alexandra Sherwood
Sectional Leaders Hil	ary Little, Jon Reed, Jacquelyn Quesenberry
Dance Captains	John Brewer, Ariane Borgia, Cara Kaiser
Beach Scene Artist	Rebecca Little
Master Carpenter	Richard Kaiser
Set ConstructionCrew: Chris Grundvia, Reb	pecca Dayton, Ariane Borgia, Rebecca Little,
Frank Harner Mitzie Imagawa Kae Jenny-S	Spencer, Alika Spencer, Walt Savell, Jeremy
Borgia Ashley Little Rosemary Rideout, Ma	aureen Imagawa, Rod Pintello, David Sanhu,
Sarah Dalitz, Elise Little, Bruce Rideout, Ste	phanSandhu, John Brewer, Ken Manning.
Cara Kaiser, Christine McElroy, Clint Harpe	r Woody Harper, Al Chipman, Roy Linden.
Tom Faria Hilany Little Julie Burnett Rori N	lelson, Jon Reed, Tami Brown, Laurie Brown,
Amanda Boardman, Christopher Pringle, Be	ocky Kaiser Steve Spencer
Lighting Designer	
Took Crow Pori Nelson Tim Fallis	Nate Offenberg, Tom Faria, Scott Glasspool
Propo	Becky Kaiser, Laura Glassspool
Props	Tim Fallis Frank Harner John Kerkyliet
Prop Construction	Tim Fallis, Frank Harper, John Kerkvliet Kae Jenny-Spencer
Costume Coordinator	uria Brown Elizabeth Shannon Cara Kaiser
Costume AssistantsBecky Kaiser, La	urie Brown, Elizabeth Shannon, Cara Kaiser,
Tami Brown, Susan Shai	nnon, Rebecca Little, Julie Burnett, Jan Reed
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Concession	Karen Nelson, Andrew Pringle
Rehearsal Pianists	. Karen Nelson, Carol Harris, Marylin Guerins

Glossary for The Pirates of Penzance

Act I

- Let the pirate bumper pass a bumper is a cup or glass filled to the brim, as for a toast
- Scuttling a cunarder sinking a passenger ship of the Cunard line
- Cutting out a White Star separating a passenger ship of the White Star line from the surrounding ships in order to capture it (the Titanic was a ship of the White Star line).
- On breakers always steering always making mistakes and getting into trouble; as when steering a ship toward waves breaking on rocks.
- Can it be Custom House customs enforcement patrol, like our Coast Guard
- ❖ The glass is rising very high weather-glass: a barometer (rising indicates fair weather)
- ❖ Your pirate caravanserai as caravanserai is a sort of inn for caravans and their occupants, the only excuse for applying this word to a group of men is that it rhymes with Chancery (almost)
- * Wards in Chancery minors under the protection of the Court of Chancery
- * References in the Major General's song:
 - ➤ From Marathon to Waterloo in 490 BC the Greeks defeated the Persians at marathon (the messenger who died after running the 26 miles to Athens with the news somehow inspired modern marathons). Napoleon's final defeat was at Waterloo in 1815.
 - The scientific names of beings animalcules an animalcule is a microscopic animal
 - I answer hard acrostics a parlor game similar to charades, with acted out words, whose first letters then spell out the real message to be discovered.
 - Quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabolus even the use of a verse form (elegiacs) could not soften the awful deeds of this most appalling Roman emperor (212 - 222 AD).
 - ➤ In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous conics is the study of geometric properties of a cone cut by imaginary planes, producing parabolas, ellipses, and hyperbolas. To floor is to defeat (as in wrestling). Parabolous is Gilbert's adjective variant of parabolic.

- ➤ I can tell undoubted Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies three painters from three different centuries and countries, and with quite distinct styles.
- > The croaking chorus from "The Frogs of Aristophanes" a comedy produced in Athens in 405 BC.
- A washing-bill in Babylonic cuneiform a laundry list in ancient wedge shaped writing
- ➤ Every detail of Caractacus's uniform this Welsh king who resisted the Roman invasion of Britain had a limited uniform. It consisted of wool, a blue dye ... and nothing else.
- ➤ Whistle all the airs from that infernal nonsense Pinafore H.M.S. Pinafore was the Gilbert & Sullivan show, which preceded Pirates. It was their first great success.
- ➤ Mamelon and ravelin terms for strategic earthworks. Mamelon is a mound used in fortifications, ravelin is a sort of ridge.
- > Such affairs as sorties and surprises sudden troop movement outward when besieged.
- Has never sat a gee never ridden a horse (gee-gee being a childish way of referring to a horse, derived from a word of command to horses).
- Devine Emollient! something that softens, as poetry apparently does, even for pirates
- Pray observe the magnanimity we display to lace and dimity a thin cotton fabric.

Act II

- Dishonor on the family escutcheon shield displaying heraldic insignia, family crest
- ❖ Threatened with emeutes a French term for riots or brawls.
- When the coster's finished jumping on his mother costermongers (street vendors of fruit, fish, etc.) were sometimes rather rough characters.
- Life preserver a stick or bludgeon loaded with lead, intended for selfdefense, but all too often used by evildoers (as in this case).
- Unshriven, unannealed without having made confession of having received extreme unction
- With humbled mien manner, or general bearing
- ❖ We love our House of Peers the House of Lords, one of the two Houses of Parliament. A peer has at least one of the following titles, duke, marquis, earl, viscount, and baron.



Autobiographies

Maureen Imagawa (Director)... Maureen has performed and directed with SVCT since 1992. She was in *South Pacific*, 1940's *Radio Hour* and more recently *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Maureen directed *Little Shop of Horrors* and *A Christmas Carol*. She teaches third grade at Glen View Elementary School. Maureen would like to dedicate this show to the memory of her mom, Ruby Imagawa, who loved the performing arts and enjoyed participating in SVCT productions as both choreographer and audience member.

Mitzie Imagawa (Choreographer)... This is Mitzie's 10th show with SVCT as choreographer and performer. This has been a challenging, yet fun show to work on!

Woody Harper (Frederic)... Woody is a peculiar fellow, but a real sweet son-of-a-gun once you get to know him. Woody will be a rock star before long, so make sure that you buy his album, kids! Woody wants to also own a monkey in case the whole rock star thing doesn't work out!

John Brewer (The Pirate King/Pirate)... This is John's sixth appearance on the SVCT stage. Preferring Musical Theatre, John played Dan in last year's Joseph and the AmazingTechnicolor Dreamcoat, and a tormentor in Jesus Christ Superstar the year before. In 1995 he did triple duty with SVCT's A Funny Thing Happened on the Way To The Forum. The King And I, and was first seen on the SVCT stage as a maniacal dentist in his second production of The Little Shop of Horrors. Other Musicals include Cabaret. Wonderful Town, and The Wizard of Oz.

Jared Suzuki (Samuel)... Jared enjoys singing and dancing having performed a few times with SVCT. He quotes "This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the community".

Jennifer Hamilton (Ruth/Daughter)... In real life Jennifer is a Physical Therapist, wife and mother of two. This is her second SVCT production. She was a pick-a-little lady in *The Music Man.* Most recently she played "Golde" in Odyssey's *Fiddler on the Roof.* A special thanks to her husband and children for putting up with her absences. She would also like to thank Terry Ringgold for getting her voice into shape for this show.

Rich and Becky Kaiser(co-producers)..This is Rich and Becky's second attempt at producing. Their first show was SVCT's *James and the Giant Peach*. Both Rich and Becky have worked behind the scenes on sets, costumes, makeup, wigs, make-up, etc. Their goal is to make the actors look GOOD (but never be actors themselves)



Rebecca Little (Ruth's Understudy/Daughter)... Rebecca feels this is her most demanding and frightening stage experience. She quotes "So many parts to learn...so little time". She would like to thank everyone "It's been fun!"

Hilary Little (Mabel)... Hilary has been performing for about twelve years in several plays, choirs, dances, and also as a soloist. Having returned from Japan last year with the GHS chamber singers, Hilary will continue her world travels with a trip to Europe this summer with the DJSU Choraliers. She restates "The cow as white as milk, the cape as red as blood, the hair as yellow as corn, the slipper as pure as gold" and thanks to her Mother, Tess and Nate.

Julie Burnett (Mabel's Understudy/Daughter)... Julie is 18 and having fun with her first performance for SVCT. She would like to thank Hilary for putting up with all her questions, and to her sisters "you're wonderful"

Natasha Sherwood (Kate)... This is Natasha's second theatre production, her first being *Fiddler on the Roof* last summer. She enjoys distractions, attempts to play several musical instruments and derives great pleasure from odd things. "If at first you don't succeed, you're running about average."

Laurie Brown (Isabel)... Laurie likes to sing, act, play piano, ride horses, play softball and sleep. Her favorite hobby is reading. This is Laurie's first production, anywhere. Personal Message: Never give up.

Rod Pintello (Major-General Stanley/Pirate)... Rod just dropped by an audition in 1982 to inquire about working backstage on the crew for *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Seventeen years and thirty-one shows later he's still having fun. He thanks Marion, Whitney and Simon for so many years of family fun.

Walt Savell (Major-General's Understudy/Pirate)... Walt Savell first got the theater bug at the Boothbay Playhouse in the mid-50's and served his theatrical apprenticeship at the Brunswick Summer Playhouse and the Downeast Music Theater (all in Maine). He has been shining in school and musical theater choruses and church choirs since that time as well. Although he has had several leading dramatic roles with other amateur theater groups, this understudy role, in his debut with SVCT, is his first time as a soloist in a musical.

Jon Reed (Sergeant of Police)... This is his third show with SVCT in the last year. He really loves getting together with all the great people and watching as all their artistic talents come to the surface. Encore! Encore!

Jeremy Borgia (Cabin Boy)... Jeremy loves being on stage and has taken drama and dancing lessons. His past credits include The Little Mermaid and Escape From the Blue Planet.

Steve Spencer (Bob)... This is Steve's fifth show with SVCT. He lives in San Martin with his wife, Kae and two daughters, Malia and Alika. This is a family affair with Kae as Costume Mistress for the show. When not involved with SVCT, Steve is a Speech and Language Pathologist in the Morgan Hill School District.

Ken Manning (Nathaniel)... Ken has done over 50 shows, working in all aspects of theater from acting, to writing, to directing. This is his third production with SVCT and plans on many more to come. He firmly believes in a quote by George Burns, "why do something you hate to make money to buy things to make you happy, when you should be doing something to make you happy all along".

Juliana Bayle (Daughter)... This is Juliana's first show. She enjoys graphic arts and working with the youth in her church. She would like to dedicate this show to her friends Jeanne, Brenna and Josh, and a special thanks to God for the many blessings he's given to her.

Ariane Borgia (Daughter)... Ariane grew up in New Mexico, and was actively involved in music and theater. She is very happy to be involved in her first production with SVCT.

Lori Rankin (Daughter)... This is Lori's third production with SVCT (three times a charm, or three strikes you're out?) Her favorite hobby is not being at work!

Elizabeth Shannon (Daughter)... This is Elizabeth's first production. She would like to thank everyone that helped and supported her from beginning to end, her parents and friends. She would particularly like to thank Malia, Jason, Camille, Julie and Jessica.

Nicki Strong (Youngest Daughter)... Nicki enjoys playing the piano; she has been taking piano lessons for seven years. She also enjoys barrel racing and team penning, which are both fast horse events. Nicki has performed in two previous plays, *Peter Pan* and a home schooling production called *The Rabbi*.

Christopher Pringle (Pirate/Police)... Christopher has been in three other performances, *Princess and the Pea, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *Bye-Bye Birdie*. He enjoys acting, drawing, writing, and hanging out with his friends.

David I. Sandhu (Pirate/Police)... David loves acting, singing and dancing. He has been in six productions and loved them. "Pirates are cool!"



Frank Harper (Pirate)... Frank says "It is a 'Pirate Ship Load of Fun' to be a member of this terrific cast." He's especially proud to be sharing the stage with his two sons, Clint and Woody. He would like to thank everyone involved in the production.

Al Chipman (Pirate)... Al is a retired Navy Chief. He likes Trout fishing and golf, in that order. Al was previously in *The Music Man* as the Constable.

Clint Harper (Pirate)... Clint has helped with Technical set up in two plays. However this is his first role in a play, "It's been a blast in my opinion". After this production Clint plans to go back to his old job as a Chia Pet Groomer.

Sarah Dalitz (Police)... Sarah would like to thank everyone who has helped her achieve her goal of being in this production. "Lots of love to my family"

Cara Kaiser (Police)... Cara has starred in many plays such as *Alice in Rock n' Roll Land* as Madame Butterfly. She played Penelope Ann, a soloist, and the main reporter in *Bye-Bye Birdie*. "Hi to my friends. You know who you are!"

Laura Glasspool (Police)... Laura is a born and bred native Gilroyan. She is married with two teenage children, which leaves little or no free time. Miraculously, she has found a "little" time to participate in this show as well as in last years production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Elise Louise Little (Police)... Elise is 16 and a sophomore at Gilroy High School. She has been in over fifteen productions. Her favorite roles were Rodrigo in *Babes in Toyland*, Duffy in *Annie* and Auntie Em in *The Wizard of Oz*.

Melanie Fallis (Servant)... Melanie debuted with SVCT's 1982 season. Some members of her family have appeared in every SVCT production under the late George Costa's Direction. She adds "Considering all those Boards we've trod, *Pirates* is the foremost opportunity for silliness with impurity". She would like to thank her son, Tim, for making the spiffy cutlasses!

Jacquelyn Quesenberry (Servant)... Jacquelyn was in the cast of SVCT's *Godspell*. She was also the vocal director for the production *Leader of the Pack*. She enjoys singing, and has sung with church and community choirs for many years.

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Some Enchanted Evening showcases the music of Rodgers and Hammerstein with some of the greatest songs ever written for the stage.

The adult comedy *Bleacher Bums* revolves around a die-hard assortment of Cubs fans in the bleachers at Wrigley Field on a warm summer day.

Our children's show will be **Stuart Little** written by E. B. White, the author of the classic Charlotte's Web. This show is performed by young actors and actresses and is especially appealing to its young audience.

The musical melodrama *Wash Your Troubles Away* will be our show for teen performers.

And finally, our theatrical season will be rounded out by a musical version of *The Secret Garden*. This wonderful tale of rediscovery and renewal will feature a cast from children to adults.

This is a line-up of shows that are truly worthy of an anniversary season. With your support, South Valley Civic Theatre will be performing for another thirty years!

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