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Synopsis

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-allwork. 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 Frederic finally consents to take her.

Just then a group of girls, all the wards of Major-General Stanley, happen upon the scene. Frederic sees their beauty--and Ruth's plainness--and renounces Ruth. 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 wards' sympathy and Frederic's plan of immediately leading a band of police against the pirates.

Meanwhile, the Pirate King and Ruth appear at the window and beckon Frederic: they have discovered that his indentures were to run until his 21st birthday, and--as he was born on February 29 (leap year)--he has really had as yet only five birthdays. Obeying the dictates of his strong sense of duty, he immediately rejoins the pirates. He tells them of the deception that has been practiced upon them, 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. Ruth explains, however, that these men who appear to be lawless pirates are really all "noblemen who have gone wrong," and they are pardoned and permitted to marry the Major-General's wards.

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Schenectady Light Opera Company presents

THE PIRATES of PENZANCE

Book by W. S. Gilbert



Music by Arthur Sullivan

Cast of Characters (in Order of Appearance)

Samuel	Bill Baetz
Frederic	William Harrison
Ruth	Lois Barden Stilley
Pirate King	James Kidd
Kate	Barbara Mahlmann
Isabel	Joanne Weaver
Edith	Ruth Moore
Mabel	Judi Merriam
Major-General	Paul C. Pape
Sergeant	Keith Austin

Ensemble

Alan Angelo, John Babjeck, Thomas D. Bambury, Terra Englebardt, Allan Foster, Kate Kaufman, Kim Knightes, Joanne Marhafer, Mike O'Brian, Christopher Parker, Michelle Sausa-Gatta, Patrick Shannon, Christopher Trombley and Andrew Wilkey

Musical Accompaniment

Conductor	Herbert Marshall
Violins	Linda Hanley, Karen Bowery
Viola	
Cello	Laurie Anderson Bishop
Bass	Tony Riccobono
Reeds	Lenore Aldi-Snow
Trumpet	Kathy Hargis

Who's Who in the Cast

JUDI MERRIAM (Mabel) has had lead roles in SLOC's Most Happy Fella, The Gondoliers, Sound of Music, and H.M.S. Pinafore and chorus roles in Fiddler on the Roof, Oklahoma, and Music Man. She has also had lead roles in several area theatres. She has a B.A. from Crane School of Music.

WILLIAM HARRISON (Frederic) has performed with Opera Excelsior, Chautauqua Opera and the Chautauqua School of Music. He was the 1986 SLOC Vocal Award Winner. He works in public relations for the NYS Board of Elections and has a B.S. degree from SUNYA.

LOIS BARDEN STILLEY (Ruth) has appeared as Mame in SLOC's Mame, as the Duchess in The Gondoliers, as Mrs. Higgins in My Fair Lady, and as Mme. Dubonnet in The Boyfriend. She has performed for Schenectady Civic and Opera Excelsior and was Mrs. Dillon in the film, Ironweed.

JAMES KIDD (Pirate King) played Dan King in Plain & Fancy, Playhouse Productions (Nappanee, IN), where he received his Actor's Equity eligibility. He has done 26 shows with the MacHaydn Theatre, his favorite roles being Riff in West Side Story, Lazar Wolfe in Fiddler on the Roof, and FDR in Annie. Jim would like to thank his wife Anne and daughter Emily for all their love and support.

PAUL C. PAPE (Major-General Stanley) directed SLOC's recent Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Baby. He has directed and acted in various shows for Albany Civic Theatre, Live at the Lakehouse, Park Playhouse, The Egg and Cohoes Music Hall.

KEITH AUSTIN (Sergeant) was the Boatswain in SLOC's H.M.S. Pinafore. Other music/theatre experience includes Mendelssohn Club and roles in The Mikado and Bye, Bye Birdie (SUNYA), The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas (Cohoes Music Hall) and Most Happy Fella (Spotlight Players).

BILL BAETZ (Samuel) most recently appeared as Judah in SLOC's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. He was the President in Madwoman of Chaillot (Masque Theatre, Troy), Whitney in Anything Goes, and has been a dance teacher at the Arthur Murray Studios.

BARBARA MAHLMANN (Kate) was producer of SLOC's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat; was an ensemble member in Baby; Sophie in Annie; and Gooch in Mame. She owns a cake decorating business, Sugar 'n Spice, and specializes in wedding cakes.

RUTH MOORE (Edith) makes her SLOC debut. She most recently directed Almost the Bride of Dracula for Hilltown Players Dinner Theatre and sings with Albany Pro Musica. A few of her favorite roles have been Mabel (Pirates of Penzance, Utica Opera Guild) and Sarah (Guys & Dolls, in Massachusetts).

JOANNE WEAVER (Isabel) has had lead roles with Park Playhouse and Live at the Lakehouse. This spring she is directing a cabaret for Circle Theatre Players, where she is also an executive committee member. She has performed at New Lebanon Theatre Barn and for Spotlight Players and RPI Players.

Synopsis of Scenes and Musical Numbers

ACT I -- A rocky seashore on the coast of Cornwall

Overture	
Pour, O Pour the Pirate Sherry Pirates and Samue	l
When Frederic Was A Little Lad Ruth	1
Oh, Better Far To Live and Die Pirate King and Pirates	3
Oh, False One, You Have Deceived Me! Frederic and Ruth	1
Climbing Over Rocky Mountain Girls, Edith and Kate	9
Stop, Ladies, Pray! Frederic, Edith, Kate and Girls	3
Oh, Is There Not One Maiden Breast Frederic, Mabel and Girls	
Poor Wandering One!	S
What Ought We To Do Edith, Kate and Girls	5
How Beautifully Blue the Sky Girls, Mabel and Frederic	c
Stay, We Must Not Lose Our Senses Frederic, Girls and Pirates	S
Hold, Monsters! Mabel, Samuel, Major-General, Girls and Pirates	S
I Am the Very Model of A Modern	
Major-General Major-General, Girls and the Pirates	S
Oh, Men of Dark and Dismal Fate Ensemble	е



ACT II -- A ruined chapel by moonlight

Oh, Dry the Glistening Tear
Then, Frederic, Let Your
Escort Lion-Hearted
When the Foeman Bares His Steel Sergeant, Mabel, Edith
Now for the Pirates' Lair! Frederic, Pirate King, and Ruth
When You Had Left Our Pirate Fold Ruth, Frederic, Pirate King
Away, Away! My Heart's on Fire Ruth, Pirate King, Frederic
All Is Prepared
Stay, Frederic, Stay!
No, I Am Brave! Mabel, Sergeant and Police
When A Felon's Not Engaged in
His Employment Sergeant and Police
A Rollicking Band of Pirates We Pirates, Sergeant, Police
With Cat-Like Tread, Upon Our
Prey We Steal Pirates, Police and Samuel
Hush, Hush! Not A Word Frederic, Pirates, Police, Major-General
Sighing Softly to the River

Production Staff

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Director Theodore Peck
Musical Director Herbert Marshall
Choreographer
Assistant Director Joseph A. Agostine, Jr.
Rehearsal Secretary
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Who's Who in Production

ALAN ANGELO (Co-Producer) has been involved with 16 SLOC productions, having had chorus and/or supporting roles. He was assistant producer of Cinderella and Lies & Legends as well as co-producer to the 60th Anniversary Show. This is Alan's 23rd community theatre show.

THELMA ZEH (*Co-Producer*) makes this show her 20th as a producer. She is a past SLOC president and currently VP of Artistic Operations and a board member. She has also served on many, many committees for SLOC. For Schenectady Civic, she has been a producer, on the board of directors, and treasurer.

THEODORE PECK (Director) has directed SLOC's Sound of Music, Annie and 1776. He has been onstage, acting, in Wizard of Oz; Kiss Me, Kate; A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Little Mary Sunshine and H.M.S. Pinafore. This is his 17th show since Wizard of Oz.

HERBERT MARSHALL (Musical Director) is a newcomer to SLOC. He has been musical director for Brigadoon at Guilderland High School and for The King and I and Oklahoma for Schuylerville Community Theatre. He has performed as a tenor with Opera Excelsior, and in My Fair Lady for the Park Playhouse.

DONNA CERNIGLIA-PANZL (Choreographer) is currently VP of Company Operations for SLOC. She has choreographed Little Mary Sunshine, Mame, 1776 and Sound of Music, to name a few. She performed as Chava in SLOC's Fiddler on the Roof and as Minne Fay in Hello, Dolly! She has been a SLOC member for over 20 years.

JOSEPH AGOSTINE, JR. (Assistant Director) is currently the SLOC President. He has produced H.M.S. Pinafore, Sound of Music, 1776 and co-produced Kiss Me, Kate. He has been VP of Company Operations and is a former Spotlight newsletter editor. He has had chorus roles in five former SLOC shows and has served on various production committees.



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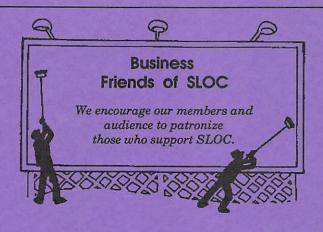
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