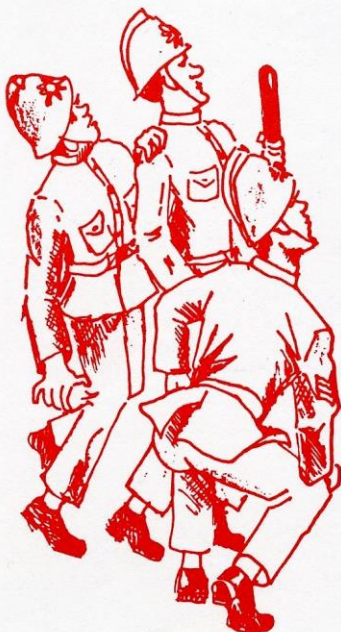


**HALIFAX GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY**

presents

# The Pirates of Penzance



or **The Slave of Duty**  
with

**COX & BOX**

by **W. S. GILBERT & ARTHUR SULLIVAN**

Producer  
**STEVEN GREENWOOD**

Musical Director  
**JIM NEWBY**



## COX AND BOX SYNOPSIS

The scene is an upper room in the lodging house run by Sergeant Bouncer, a military man with military reminiscences, which he can conveniently summon up at the drop of a hat whenever awkward questions are being asked.

Mr Cox works by day making hats, Mr Box by night in a newspaper office. With some dexterous tidying-up between each tenant's occupation, Bouncer manages to let the same room to both lodgers. After all, surely they will never be at home at the same time?

Until, one day . . .

## COX AND BOX MUSICAL ITEMS

### Scene: A Victorian Lodging House

Bouncer	Rataplan
Cox and Bouncer	Stay, Bouncer, Stay
Box	Hushed is the Bacon
Cox	My Master is Punctual
Cox, Box, and Bouncer	Who are you Sir?
Cox and Box	The Buttercup
Cox and Box	Not Long Ago
Finale (Cox, Box and Bouncer)	My Hand upon it

## INTERVAL

## THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE SYNOPSIS

Many years ago, young Frederic was apprenticed to a Pirate King, through a mistake of his nursemaid, Ruth, who was thereby compelled to join the pirates with him. We meet them all in the pirates' cave as they are celebrating Frederic's coming out of his indentures at the age of twenty-one.

He is determined to renounce his piratical ways, even though, as the King points out, against civilisation piracy is comparatively honest. He has remained loyal to the Pirate King until now only through his overpowering sense of duty. The pirates bid a tearful farewell to Frederic, and not so tearful a farewell to Ruth, whose designs on her younger companion are upset by the unexpected arrival of a bevy of beautiful maidens. They are the daughters of Major-General Stanley, who arrives just after the pirates have discovered this matrimonial treasure-trove.

Through an ignoble subterfuge the Major-General manages to secure their freedom, and the story from now on concerns his remorse and the pirates' revenge. Frederic's loyalties are severely tested by conflicting demands on his sense of duty, his gallant band of policemen are even more puzzled by his predicament, and the issue is in doubt right up to the end of the opera.

Who will triumph, pirates or police? On which side will Frederic's sense of duty land him? And what will happen to Ruth? All will be revealed.

## PIRATES OF PENZANCE MUSICAL ITEMS

### ACT I — Scene: A Piratical Cave

Pirates and Pirate King	Pour, oh pour, the pirate sherry
Ruth	When Frederic was a little lad
Pirate King	Oh, better far to live and die
Ruth and Frederic	Oh! false one, you have deceived me
Chorus	Climbing over rocky mountain
Edith, Kate, Frederic	Stop, ladies, pray!
Frederic	Oh! is there not one maiden breast
Mabel	Poor wandering one
Frederic	Stay, we must not lose our senses
Mabel, Major-General, Samuel	Hold, monsters!
Major-General	I am the very model of a modern Major-General
Finale	Oh! men of dark and dismal fate

## INTERVAL

### ACT II — Scene: A Ruined Chapel by Night

Mabel	Oh! dry the glistening tear
Frederic and Major-General	Now, Frederic, let your escort lion-hearted
Policemen	When the foeman bares his steel
Ruth, Frederic and Pirate King	Now for the pirates lair
Ruth, Frederic and Pirate King	When you had left our pirate fold
Ruth, Frederic and Pirate King	My eyes are fully open
Ruth, Frederic and Pirate King	Away, away, my heart's on fire
Mabel and Frederic	All is prepared, your gallant crew await you
Mabel and Frederic	Stay, Frederic, stay!
Mabel	Sorry her lot who loves too well
Mabel and Chorus	No, I'll be brave! Oh, family descent
Sergeant	When a felon's not engaged in his employment
Sergeant, Pirates and Police	A rollicking band of Pirates we
Samuel and Pirates	With cat-like tread
Frederic, Pirate King and Major-General	Hush! hush! not a word
Finale	Sighing softly to the river



## PRODUCTION

Producer ..... Steven Greenwood  
Musical Director ..... Jim Newby  
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Make-up ..... John Porter  
Properties ..... Loretta Simons  
Liz Truscott  
Publicity ..... Reg Horner  
Andrew Headford  
Wardrobe Mistress ..... Stephanie Burgess  
Wardrobe Assistant ..... Pat Rodgers  
Floral Decorations ..... Carol Fleming  
Accompanist ..... Noreen Galley  
Front of House ..... Anthony Johnson

### Production Committee

Steven Greenwood  
Andrew Headford  
Brian Bach  
Stephanie Burgess  
Sheila Wastling

We wish to thank the Halifax Thespians and Sheila Wastling for the loan of major items of property, and Mrs Lloyd for the knitted scarf.

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We thank David Rodgers for the use of portraits of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

We welcome the West Yorkshire Orchestra under the direction of their conductor, Jim Newby.

## HAROLD LORD

I would like to dedicate this week's performances to the memory of Harold Lord who died earlier this year. Harold, a founder member of the society, always offered great encouragement and advice to us all and he will be affectionately remembered.

Steven Greenwood  
Producer

## COX AND BOX

James John Cox ..... John Porter  
John James Box ..... Richard Buxton  
Sergeant Bouncer ..... David Ward

Gentlemen:

Harold Galley  
Ian Henderson  
Brian Priestley  
John Thompson  
Richard Greenwood  
Richard Watson

Ladies:

Kathryn Buxton  
Sheila Priestley  
Barbara Thompson  
Mary Ward

## PIRATES OF PENZANCE

Major-General Stanley ..... Andrew Headford  
The Pirate King ..... Steven Mellor  
Samuel ..... Mitchell Wolfe  
Frederic ..... Kevin Hardaker  
Sergeant of Police ..... Fred Shaw  
Mabel ..... Alison Hughes  
Edith ..... Clare Swindell  
Kate ..... Kathryn Buxton  
Isabel ..... Lesley Henderson  
Ruth ..... Angela Fuller

Pirates & Policemen:

Brian Bach  
Leslie Bolland  
Richard Buxton  
John Child  
Richard Fellows  
Harold Galley  
John Garner  
Steven Greenwood  
Frank Hogan  
Michael Holroyd  
Alan Huff  
John Hughes  
Andrew Mitchell  
John Porter  
John Priestley  
David Rodgers  
Leyland Smith  
John Thompson  
David Ward

Major-General's Daughters:

Susan Barrington  
Patricia Castle  
Janet Cowley  
Jean Greenwood  
Jane Harmer  
Lesley Henderson  
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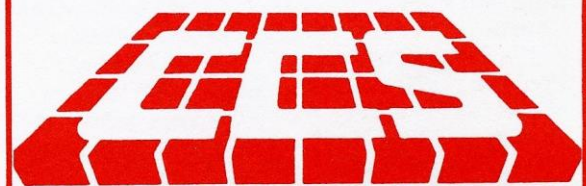
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