



# BOB JONES UNIVERSITY

Department of Vocal Studies

presents

## ***THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE***

**featuring BJU Opera Workshop**

Megan Stapleton, director

Stratton Hall  
Saturday, December 13, 2025  
3:00 and 6:00 P.M.

## MUSICAL NUMBERS

### ACT ONE

<i>Pour, oh pour, the pirate sherry</i> .....	Samuel and Chorus of Pirates
<i>When Frederic was a little lad</i> .....	Ruth
<i>Oh, better far to live and die</i> .....	Pirate King and Chorus of Pirates
<i>Oh! false one, you have deceived me</i> .....	Frederic and Ruth
<i>Climbing over rocky mountain</i> .....	Chorus of Girls
<i>Stop, ladies, pray</i> .....	Edith, Kate, Frederic, and Chorus of Girls
<i>Oh, is there not one maiden breast?</i> .....	Frederic and Chorus of Girls
<i>Poor wandering one</i> .....	Mabel and Chorus of Girls
<i>What ought we to do?</i> .....	Edith, Kate, and Chorus of Girls
<i>How beautifully blue the sky</i> .....	Mabel, Frederic, and Chorus of Girls
<i>Stay, we must not lose our senses</i> .....	Frederic and Chorus of Girls and Pirates
<i>Hold, monsters</i> .....	Mabel, Major-General, Samuel, and Chorus
<i>I am the very model of a modern major-general</i> .....	Major-General and Chorus

### Finale Act I

<i>Oh, men of dark and dismal fate</i> .....	Mabel, Kate, Edith,
<i>I'm telling a terrible story</i>	Ruth, Frederic, Samuel, King,
<i>Hail, Poetry</i>	Major-General, and Chorus
<i>Oh, happy day, with joyous glee</i>	
<i>Pray observe the magnanimity</i>	

## ACT TWO

*Oh, dry the glistening tear* ..... Mabel and Chorus of Girls

*Then, Frederic, let your escort lion-hearted*..... Frederic and Major-General

*When the foeman bares his steel*..... Mabel, Edith, Sergeant,  
and Chorus of Policemen and Girls

*Now for the pirates' lair!*..... Frederic, Ruth, and King

*When you had left our pirate fold* ..... Ruth, Frederic, and King

*Away, away! My heart's on fire!* ..... Ruth, Frederic, and King

*All is prepared; your gallant crew await you* ..... Mabel and Frederic

*Stay, Frederic, stay* ..... Mabel and Frederic

*No, I am brave* ..... Mabel, Sergeant, and Chorus of Police

*Sergeant, approach!* ..... Mabel, Sergeant of Police, and Chorus of Police

*When a felon's not engaged in his employment* ..... Sergeant and Chorus  
of Police

*A rollicking band of pirates we*..... Sergeant and Chorus  
of Pirates and Police

*With cat-like tread, upon our prey we steal* ..... Samuel and Chorus  
of Pirates and Police

*Hush, hush, not a word!*..... Frederic, King, Major-General,  
and Chorus of Police and Pirates

## Finale, Act II

*Sighing softly to the river*..... Ensemble

*Now what is this, and what is that?*

*You/We triumph now*

*Away with them, and place them at the bar!*

*Poor wandering ones!*

## SYNOPSIS

*The Pirates of Penzance* follows the misadventures of Frederic, a dutiful young man who has spent his childhood apprenticed to an ineffectual band of pirates located off the shores of Penzance, a resort town in the Cornwall area. Having turned 21, Frederic believes his indenture is complete, so he eagerly leaves the pirate ship to pursue an honorable life. On the shores of Cornwall, he encounters Major-General Stanley's many daughters and quickly falls in love with the spirited Mabel. Their romance blossoms instantly, but trouble follows close behind.

The pirates, learning of Frederic's departure, attempt to claim the young women for themselves, prompting the Major-General to craft an elaborate lie—he declares himself an orphan to win their pity and secure his daughters' safety. Although the ruse works in the moment, Frederic soon discovers a contractual complication: because he was born on February 29, he has technically lived only five birthdays. By the strict terms of his apprenticeship, he must return to the pirates until his twenty-first *birthday*, decades in the future.

Bound once again to the pirates, and torn between duty and love, Frederic reluctantly rejoins his old comrades, who now seek revenge on the Major-General for his deception. A chaotic showdown ensues as the bumbling local police force confronts the pirates. Ultimately, the conflict resolves when the pirates reveal their surprising loyalty to Queen Victoria, earning pardon and social acceptance. With misunderstandings cleared and obligations lifted, Frederic and Mabel are finally free to marry, bringing the operetta to a joyful, exuberant conclusion.

## PERFORMERS

<b>Justin Keith; Elijah Gleiter</b>	Major-General Stanley
<b>Stefan Gradwell</b>	The Pirate King
<b>Alexander Goebel; Jack Fure</b>	Samuel, The First Mate
<b>James Berrey; Michael Adams</b>	Frederic, The Pirate Apprentice
<b>Ben Beach</b>	Sergeant of Police
<b>Julia Probus; Kelsey Campbell</b>	Mabel, a ward of Major General Stanley
<b>Allison Calamore</b>	Edith, a ward of Major General Stanley
<b>Kelsey Campbell; Julia Probus</b>	Kate, a ward of Major General Stanley
<b>Abby Lynn Gillespie</b>	Ruth, The Pirate Maid-of-all-work
<b>BJU Chorale</b>	Chorus
<b>Luke Probus</b>	Accompanist

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