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Pirates, Patter-Songs, and Parodies Arrive at Carpenter Center, Mar. 10
New York Based Theatre Company Brings "The Pirates of Penzance" to Long Beach

LONG BEACH, California — New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players sail into the Carpenter Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Cal State Long Beach, on March 10, 2018 for a one-night only performance of *The Pirates of Penzance*. From swashbuckling buccaneers to bumbling British bobbies and frolicking Victorian maidens, this exuberant musical masterpiece is as popular and relevant today as it was 140 years ago.

Gilbert & Sullivan were a heavy influence on American popular culture, which helped lead to the rise of the American musical, political satire, and theatrical parodies. As they parodied the contemporary culture of their time, Gilbert & Sullivan's music has been sampled and parodied time-and-again in current pop culture. *The Pirates of Penzance* features one of the most famous patter songs of all time "I am the very model of a modern Major-General," which makes an appearance in Lin-Manuel Miranda's "Right Hand Man" in *Hamilton*, and has been spoofed by countless comedians to lampoon politicians.

Gilbert & Sullivan's comic opera *The Pirates of Penzance* centers on the dilemma of young Fredrick, who is accidentally apprenticed to a band of pirates but has a moral objection to piracy. Bound to honor his commitment, Fredrick is faced with an unusual predicament that sets him off on a romp-filled journey with the brash Pirate King, maid Ruth, romantic Mabel and stuffy Major-General Stanley. The only Gilbert & Sullivan to receive its premiere in U.S., *The Pirates of Penzance* originally opened at the Fifth Avenue Theatre in New York in December, 1879. Performed by the preeminent professional Gilbert & Sullivan repertory ensemble, the New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players are now in their 44th year, returning to the Carpenter Center for the second time with this classic work.

Single tickets for New York Gilbert & Sullivan Player's *The Pirates of Penzance* start at \$50. For tickets and more information, visit CarpenterArts.org or call the Carpenter Center Ticket Office at (562) 985-7000. This series is made possible in part by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3-FM.

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What: **New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players *The Pirates of Penzance***

When: **Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 8 PM**

Where: **Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center**
6200 Atherton St.
Long Beach, CA 90815

Tickets: **Starting at \$50**
Parking is available for \$8

Ticket Office: **(562) 985-7000, www.CarpenterArts.org**
Box Office Hours are Monday-Friday 11am – 6pm
Saturdays are closed except on season performance days from Noon-4pm.

Additional Information and tickets available at the Carpenter Center's website: www.CarpenterArts.org