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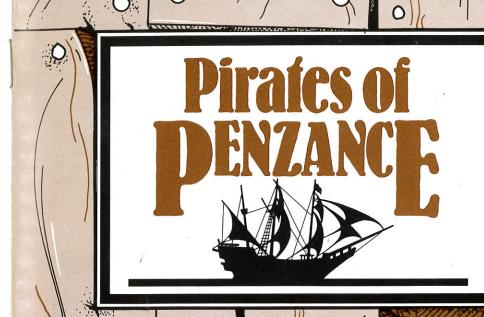
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# **DANVILLE LIGHT OPERA**

A New Version of Gilbert & Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance as presented on Broadway by New York Shakespeare Festival. Joseph Papp, Producer Musical Adaptation by William Elliott

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#### Producer's Notes

Pirates, Pirates, Pirates - I dream of them - or rather have nightmares, as everyone involved must. The directors, the cast, the board, - we all have asked ourselves: How are we going to do this? Better yet: Why? As I sat in on rehearsals, I realized why. This show brings goosebumps up on the flesh. The whole group has worked so hard to make every outrageous antic irresistible to the funny bone; the music makes you want to stand up and cheer as alternately the Pirates, the Police, the Major General and his girls take the spotlight to plead their case.

Audience enjoy! I have seen it 15-20 times, and I still love every second.

Ruth Bryant

**Dan Miller, Director** — Pirates of Penzance is Dan's 4th directing position with D.L.O. having directed the music in the productions of Oh! Coward, I Do, I Do, and Cole. Dan has been involved in DANVILLE LIGHT OPERA since 1974 either on the stage or backstage in the orchestra. He has served 3 terms as President of DANVILLE LIGHT OPERA producing 12 shows for the organization. Away from D.L.O. he is a performer with the Danville



Municipal Band, the Danville Symphony and the Danville Woodwind Quintet. He also sits on the Board of Directors of the Danville Area Arts Council (Treasurer), the Danville Municipal Band, the Danville Musician's Ass'n. (Vice-President), Danville American Business Club (AMBUCS), DANVILLE LIGHT OPERA and is the Fund Administrator of the Music Performance Trust. In 1986 Dan was appointed by Governor James Thompson to a 4 year term on the Illinois Arts Council. As an I.A.C. member he serves on the Finance Committee and is Vice-Chair of the Local Arts Agencies Panel and the Partners-In-Purchase Program. He is the Coordinator of Information & Referral Services in the Adult & Developmental Education Division at Danville Area Community College.



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# Pirates of Penzance

Producer Ruth Bryant Orchestral/Music Director . Daniel J. Miller	Trap Set Joe Anglum Percussion Evelyn Phebus
Vocal/Music Director . Rebecca Majors Quetone	Orchestra Conductor Daniel J. Miller
Drama Director Mary Lou Spain	oreneous conductor Danier). Finer
Choreographer Laurel Soderstrom	Cast
Stage Manager Cyndi Deck	Frederic Michael J. Hance
Asst. Stage Manager Carla Prentice	Mabel Rebecca Majors Quetone
Props Kathy Reynolds, Laura Shanks	Pirate King James Schomburg
Costumes . Georgiann Probasco, Cyndi Deck	Major General Stanley Darrin Deck
Make-up Pat Cunningham	Ruth Kathleen Spain
Hair Shirley Harlan (Reflections)	Sergeant of Police Duane H. Prentice
Programs Laura Shanks	Samuel Jeffrey L. Spann
Set Design . Jeffrey L. Spann, Mary Lou Spain	Pirates Chris Dunn, Dean Cauley,
Ticket Chairman Karen Reed	Sandy Parker, Dean Strong, David
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Lights Brian Rudnicke, Rod Parker	Policemen Dean Cauley,
Publicity Darrin Deck, Kathleen Spain,	David Richards, Chris Dunn
Mary Lou Spain	Daughters:
Orchestra	Anna Beth Cunningham
Piano Kyle Thompson	Kate Brenda Mikels
Keyboards Kent Britton	Edith Ann McCurdy
Flutes Julie Gulley (evening perf.)	Emily Dena Strong
Mary Beth Zundo (matinees)	Isabel Tricia Reed
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**Rebecca Majors Quetone** — A native of Ridgefarm and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a performance degree in voice, some of her experience and roles in opera and musical theatre include Gwenevere in Camelot, Sazuki in Madame Butterfly and Godspell. While living in the Middle East, she soloed for the Jerusalem choir. She and her husband Tucker along with their 4 children are residing in Ridgefarm.





**Laurel Soderstrom** — Laurel is a 1985 graduate of Catlin High School. She has studied dance for 16 years and works as an assistant instructor at Cromwell School of Dance and has been teaching for 7 years. She has attended classes at the National Academy of Arts in Champaign, along with training sessions in Chicago. She is not a newcomer to D.L.O., in the past she has been choreographer for shows such as Where's Charlie and Bue Bue Birdie. In addition to being choreographer in Pirates of Penzance, she is also portraying one of the daughters. Laurel resides in Oakwood with her parents.

**Mary Lou Spain** — Mary Lou is fond of saying, "Old actors never die, they just become directors!" Despite her 35 years of acting and directing, this is her debut at staging a "light" opera, which she finds much more challenging than a Broadway musical. She has been appearing for the last 2 years in two one-woman shows (Mary Todd Lincoln-The War Years and Mary Todd Lincoln-The End), which she prepared. Mary Lou is a D.L.O. past president, president of the East Prairie Cluster of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), and member of the Illiana Civil War Historical Society.



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*Michael J. Hance* — This is Mike's third D.L.O. production. Mike is a senior at Danville High School. He performs in the Singing Vikings and Contemporaires. He is currently serving as drum major for the Marching Band of Vikings. He has been cast in the Illinois High School Theatre production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.



James Schomburg - This is James' 2nd performance with D.L.O. He was seen 2 years ago in the cabaret-style Cole. He thoroughly enjoys singing, spending much of his energy and talent with the Lincoln Methodist Church as soloist and choir member. James is actively pursuing a part-time career in recording and modeling.

**Darrin Deck** – This is Darrin's fourth performance on the D.L.O. stage. He appeared in Cole, Where's Charley and Pretzels. He has studied voice with George Rice and acting with Northwestern University's Tom Lenane. In addition to his acting contribution, he also serves on the Board of Directors for D.L.O. and Red Mask Players. Darrin and his wife Cyndi are glad to be involved with D.L.O., Red Mask and Sunshine II as active participants both on and off stage.



*Kathleen L. Spain - Pirates of Penzance marks her 14th appearance on* the D.L.O. stage. Some of her favorite characters include Carrie Pipperidge in Carousel and Gwenevere in Camelot. Other theatre credits are included in Sunshine II and the Window Repertory Theatre. Kathleen enjoys participating on the production staff, having served as music director and choreographer in past shows. She is a Chapter I math teacher for District #118 and enjoys being a free-lance calligrapher.

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"Away, Away! My Heart's on Fire"
"All is Prepared"
"Stay, Frederic, Stay!"
"Sorry Her Lot" Mabel
"No, I am Brave!"
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