

NEW YORK GILBERT & SULLIVAN PLAYERS present THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

BOERNE, TX – March 15, 2016. The New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players will sail into Boerne on April 8th to present *The Pirates of Penzance*. This British masterpiece remains faithful to Gilbert & Sullivan's aim of presenting a thoroughly farcical subject with the utmost seriousness! Elegantly re-creating the original period setting and costumes with exquisite detail, this classic musical comedy sparkles with wit, fine singing and a sensational cast. It's great entertainment for the whole family.



*To describe **Pirates** as a romp is surely no exaggeration. It's representation of naïveté, romance, and sentiment...all mixed with wit and sophisticated verbal by-play...leaves the audience and performers alike with a giddy sense of joy that is timeless...enthraling the child in all of us!*

Written in 1879, *The Pirates of Penzance* is one of Gilbert & Sullivan's greatest comic operas. With magnificent parody of grand opera, it presents a topsy-turvy plot involving a band of orphaned pirates (distinctly deficient in cut-throatedness); a Major General who doesn't know his rifles from his javelins; the flat-footed Cornish Constabulary; a bevy of blushing maidens; and the dashing Frederic, who – born in a leap year – may be aged twenty-one, or only “five and a little bit over”. Now, 137 years since its premiere, *The Pirates of Penzance* remains an all-time popular favorite!

The New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players (NYGASP) is America's preeminent professional Gilbert & Sullivan repertory ensemble. In their fortieth year of operation, they are presently under the dynamic leadership of Artistic Director Albert Bergeret, who has been hailed as “the leading custodian of the G&S class” by *New York Magazine*. NYGASP has created its own special niche in the cultural mosaic of New York City and the nation, and their performance in Boerne will feature a cast, orchestra and crew totaling 50 people.

The performance will take place on Friday, April 8, 2016, at 7:30pm at Boerne Champion Auditorium. This state of the art venue boasts a seating capacity of 985, with every seat having a clear line of vision to the stage. Boerne offers a variety of great establishments to eat, drink and enjoy prior to each show. There's something for every type of taste bud...from contemporary casual to brew pub to stylish continental...and everything in between.

The Pirates of Penzance tickets (\$30-\$40-\$60 and \$20 for students) are available at the following:

- Online: www.BoernePerformingArts.com
- By Phone: 830-331-9079
- In Person: Greater Boerne Chamber of Commerce OR City of Boerne Parks & Recreation Department
- Email: info@BoernePerformingArts.com