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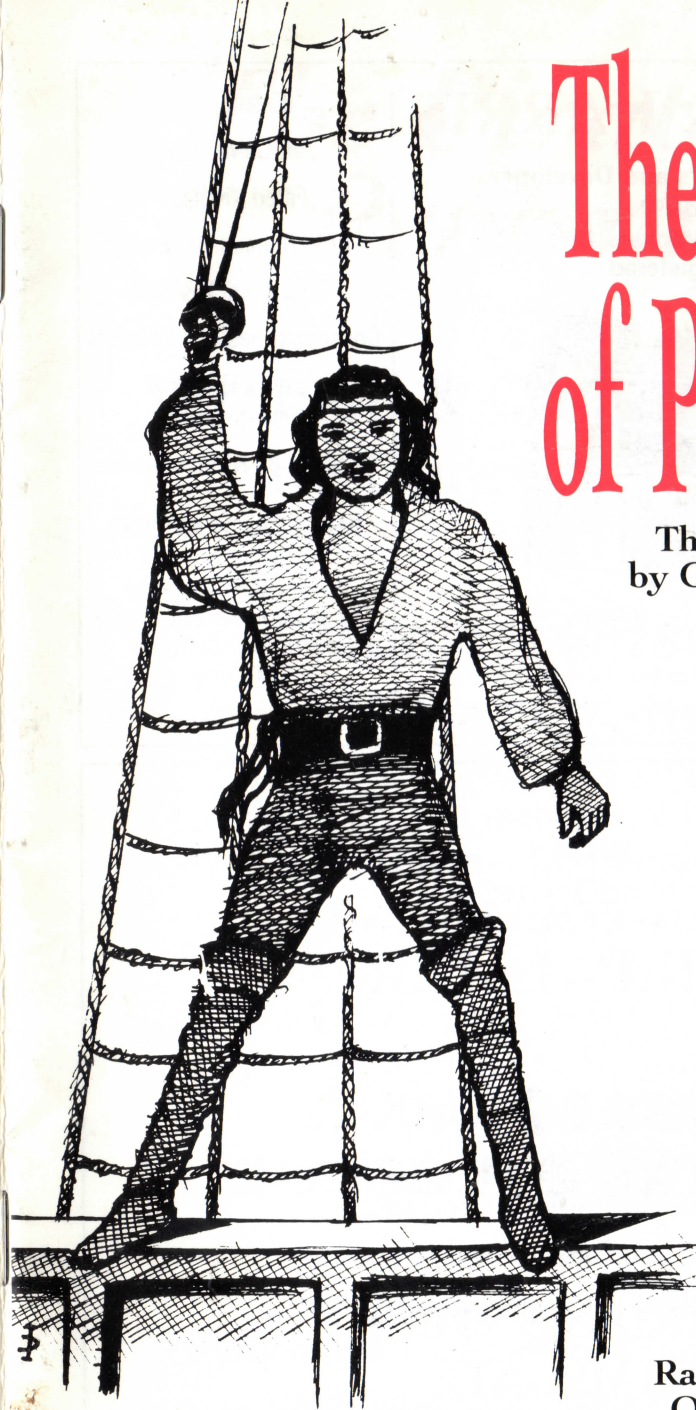
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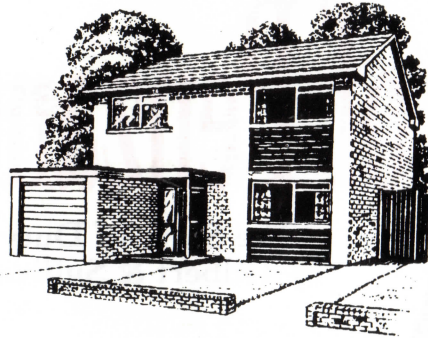
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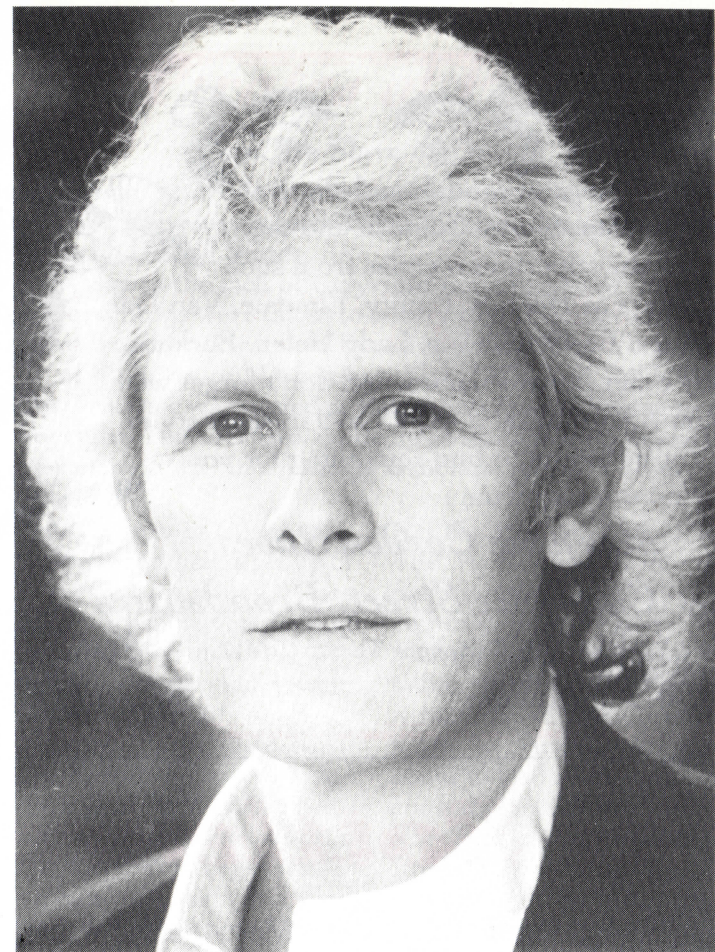
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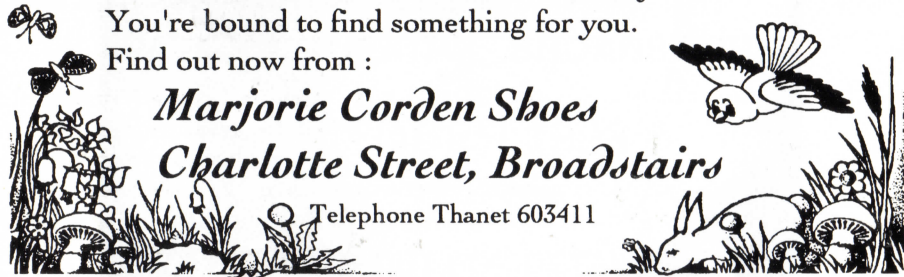
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# The Pirates of Penzance

(or The Slave of Duty)

Gilbert and Sullivan's third joint production is tonight's offering, 'The Pirates of Penzance'. Their previous operetta 'HMS Pinafore', was immensely successful, particularly in the United States.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of copyright not a penny of the proceeds went to the originators. Steps were taken to ensure that this operetta did not get the same treatment from the 'Pirates of Broadway'. The New York Premiere took place ahead of London on December 31st 1879, but 24 hours earlier, a makeshift performance was staged at Paignton's Bijou Theatre so establishing a British copyright. The overture, made up as usual from tunes of the operetta was put together by Sullivan's musical associate, Alfred Cellier.

**Act I A rocky seashore in Cornwall**  
On a rocky Cornish seashore a group of pirates toast the end of young Pirate Frederic's apprenticeship at his coming of age. He was initially indentured to them by mistake - his nurserymaid Ruth, being somewhat hard of hearing, apprenticed him to a 'Pirate' instead of a 'Pilot', afraid to confess her mistake, she joins the pirates as a 'Maid of all work'. Frederic is now determined to leave the Pirate Band he hates. Ruth begs that she might go with him but he says that a lad of 21 usually looks for a girl of 17 NOT 47!!

In the distance he sees a number of girls approaching - the daughters of Major General Stanley, as the girls enter, Frederic hides in the rocks. However, as they remove their shoes to paddle, Frederic re-appears and appeals to one of them to love him. There is no response until Mabel enters.

The Pirates stealthily enter and surround the girls and maids. Their abduction is prevented by the advent of their father - the Major General. He objects to Pirates as sons-in-law in spite of their picturesque appearance. He appeals for sympathy - "They don't realise what it's like to be an orphan"

**Act II - A ruined chapel by moonlight**  
The Major General in a state of deep melancholia, his daughters try to comfort him. Frederic enters, and Mabel's father confesses he lied when telling the Pirates he was an orphan. He is encouraged when Frederic, who still hates the Pirates, tells him that he is about to lead an expedition of the local constabulary against the Pirate Band. The Pirate King and Ruth acquaint Frederic with the true and actual conditions of his indentures. His duty, after all is still to the Pirates.

Mabel enters, and learning of Frederic's new situation, is heartbroken. The Police appear to do battle with the Pirates but are hesitant when they find Frederic can no longer lead them. The Pirates return seeking revenge, Major General Stanley cannot sleep and his daughters also appear in their night attire.

The Pirate King and his men seize the Major General, but the Police spring out to save him. The Pirates are charged to "Yield in Queen Victoria's name". They do and the Major General bids them to marry his daughters, bringing all to a joyous conclusion.

# *Dramatis Personae*

*(in order of appearance)*

The Pirate King .....	<b>Dudley Gore</b>
Samuel (his Lieutenant) .....	<b>Richard Bowden</b>
Frederic (his Apprentice) .....	<b>Philip Carter</b>
Ruth (A Pirate Maid) .....	<b>June Redford</b>
<i>Major General Stanley's daughters</i>	
Mabel .....	<b>Kelly Adams</b>
Edith .....	<b>Jill Baxter</b>
Isabel .....	<b>Anne Jones</b>
Kate .....	<b>Sally Gore</b>
	<b>Pat Drywood, Betty Reid</b>
	<b>Pauline Booker, Frances Shaw</b>
Major General Stanley .....	<b>John Dixon</b>
The Police Sergeant .....	<b>Bill Bennett</b>

## **Pirates and Policemen**

Derry Martin, Mick Gore, Nick Cork, Denis Howdle, Ian Ulrich, David Irwin, Mike Kendrick, Peter Shaw, Nick Blake, Mike Corden, Steve Tottman, John Relfe, Bob Drywood, Nick Kendall, Bob Aird.

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## **Maids & Governesses**

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## **Orchestra - Musical Director - Violet Graham**

First Violin .....	Louise Leask	Clarinet .....	Mary Mcleod
Second Violins	J.Pring	Oboe .....	K.Sharpe
	P.Evans	Trumpet .....	K.Davies
Cello .....	Nancy White	Trombone .....	O.James
Bass .....	A.Wall	Percussion .....	R.Spoore
Flute .....	Christine Chappell	Piano .....	Ann Pressley

## **ACT I *A rocky seashore on the coast of Cornwall***

Overture	Orchestra with Carol Derbyshire, Pauline Martin, Justine Horne, Steve Tottman Richard Bowden, Derry Martin. Pirates and Samuel Ruth Pirate King & Pirates Frederic and Ruth Girls, Edith, Isabel & Kate Frederic, Edith, Kate & Girls Frederic, Mabel & Girls Mabel & Girls Edith, Isabel, Kate & Girls Girls, Mabel & Frederic Frederic, Girls & Pirates Mabel, Samuel, Major General, Girls & Pirates
'Pour, oh pour the Pirate Sherry'	
'When Frederic was a little lad'	
'Oh, better far to live and die'	
'Oh, false one, you have deceived me'	
'Climbing over rocky mountain'	
'Stop, Ladies pray!'	
'Oh, is there not one maidens breast'	
'Poor wondering one'	
'What ought we to do?'	
'How beautifully blue the sky'	
'Stay, we must not lose our senses'	
'Hold Monsters'	
'I am the very model of a modern Major General'	Major General, Girls & Pirates Mabel, Frederic, Samuel, Major General, Pirate King, Ruth & Chorus.
'Oh men of dark and dismal fate'	

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There will be an interval of 20 minutes between acts

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## **ACT II *A ruined chapel by moonlight***

'Oh, dry the glist'ning tear'	Mabel & Chorus
'Now Frederic, let your escort lion hearted'	Frederic & Major General Mabel, Edith, Sergeant & Chorus
'When the Foeman bares his steel'	Frederic, King & Ruth
'Now for the Pirates' lair'	Ruth, Frederic & Pirate King
'When you have left our Pirate fold'	Ruth, Frederic & Pirate King
'Away, away, my heart's on fire'	Mabel & Frederic
'All is prepared'	Mabel & Frederic
'Stay, Frederic, Stay'	Mabel & Chorus of Police
'No, I'll be brave'	
'When a Felon's not engaged in his employment'	Sergeant & Police Pirates, Sergeant & Police Pirates, Police, Samuel, Frederic & Pirate King
'A rollicking band of Pirates we'	Frederic, Pirates & Police
'With cat like tread'	Major General & Company
'Hush, Hush! not a word'	The company
'Sighing softly to the river'	
'Finale'	

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