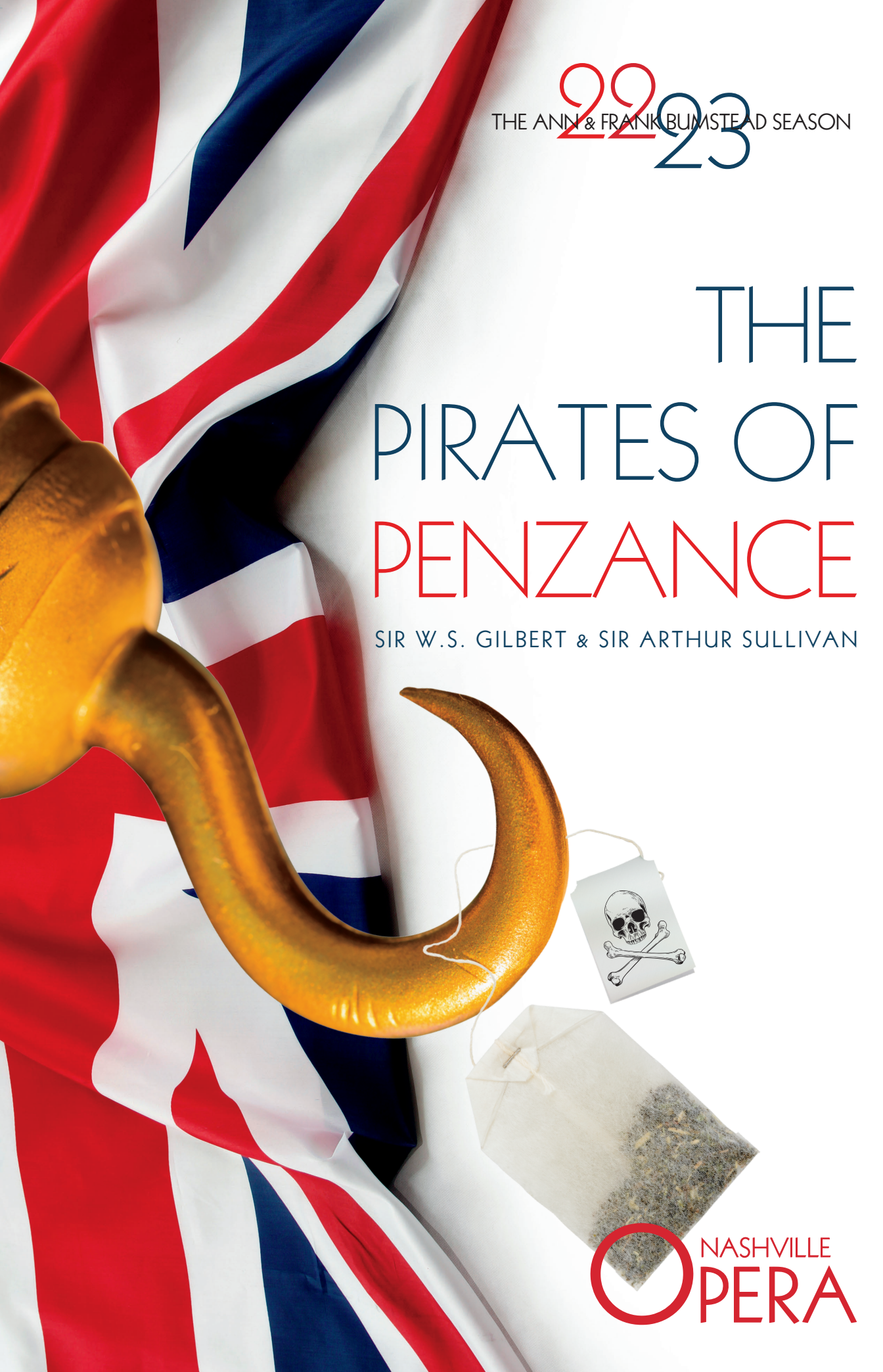


THE ANN & FRANK BUMSTEAD SEASON
2023

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

SIR W.S. GILBERT & SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN



NASHVILLE
OPERA

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

The Nashville Opera produces a variety of works containing diverse dramatic and musical styles that often delve deeply into the human condition. But sometimes, just sometimes, we feel it's time to pull out a no holds barred comedy. And that time is now.

We are proud to present a family-friendly evening of comedy and mayhem with this rollicking production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*.

The Pirates of Penzance has been called the "most popular" of all of Gilbert and Sullivan's operas. From the delightful music to the clever libretto, the opera has proved an audience pleaser from the very first opening night in 1879.

The inspiration for *The Pirates of Penzance* came from a variety of sources.

The first inspiration was probably from Stevenson's *Treasure Island*, which had made the subject of pirates enormously popular in fiction and dramas. Secondly, there was an incident in Gilbert's childhood where he was kidnapped by Neapolitan bandits. Perhaps because of this childhood trauma, many of Gilbert's plots concern abduction or displaced people who are not what they seem to be. And finally, after Gilbert and Sullivan saw the royalties of performance of their earlier operas stolen away by copyright thieves, the idea of pillaging pirates was a subject not too far from their thoughts.

Sullivan's music satirizes such sources as Italian romantic opera with Frederic's bel canto lament "Oh, is there not one maiden here?" He also lampoons the serious sounds of Victorian oratorio with the delightfully High Church sounding choral number "Hail, Poetry!" And finally, there is a rich parody of the coloratura soprano aria in Mabel's famous waltz "Poor Wandering One."

A large part of the genius of Gilbert and Sullivan is that, even if an audience lacks full knowledge of the satire and intricate parodies presented, the opera still works brilliantly on many levels. That is just one of the reasons for nearly 150 years, *The Pirates of Penzance* is still referred to as the most popular Gilbert and Sullivan opera of all.

Of course, it would be impossible for us to produce anything without the help of our patrons and donors and their generous support of the Nashville Opera. Your support of the Nashville Opera keeps us singing and enables the *Pirates* to sail on to new comic adventures. We hope you enjoy this season's staging of Gilbert and Sullivan's masterpiece, *The Pirates of Penzance*.

JOHN HOOMES
CEO & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

NASHVILLE
OPERA

Media sponsors

THE SCENE nFOCUS

LEADERSHIP



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President

Cheryl Carr
Belmont University

Treasurer

Ali Jefferson**
CapStar Bank

At Large Members

Barbara T. Bovender *
Community Leader

Immediate Past President

Nathan Green
Vanderbilt University

Vice President

Nicholas McClay
EY

Friends of Nashville

Opera President
Tracey Pearson
RBC Wealth Management

Donald Holmes
Delek US (retired)

Secretary

Rick Ewing
Oracle

Joe Barker
Trustee of The Judy & Noah
Liff Foundation

Elizabeth Papel
Bohan (retired)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Judy Liff Barker *
The Judy & Noah
Liff Foundation

Monica Conley**
Frost Brown Todd

Laura Hughes**
Nolin Consulting LLC

Emily Weiss
Ingram Industries

Melissa Beckham
Community Leader

Kelly Frey
Worldwide Stages, LLC

Martha R. Ingram *
Ingram Industries

William O. Whetsell, M.D. *
Vanderbilt University
Medical Center (retired)

Nicholas Birren
AllianceBernstein

Tom Haroldson
HCA

Jay Jones
Nashville Law Offices

Janice Williams
Community Leader

Ramon Cisneros**
Millennium Marketing LLC

Eric Holt
Belmont University

Heather O'Connor
Truist Wealth Management

Susan Holt **
Vision Philanthropy Group

Gary Parkes
Parkes Realty

ADVISORY BOARD

Thomas Andrews
Bob Beck
June Bogle
Jennifer Bottorff
Ann Bumstead
Joy Calico
Ann Cargile
Nancy Coleman
Ruth Roberts Cowan
Doug Cruickshanks

Judy Fisher
John Gillmor
John Glennon
George Gray
Morel Enoch Harvey
J. Michael and Joanne
Hayes
Henry Howerton
David Joffe
Lois Jordan

Ken Leiser
Zachary Liff
Jocelyne McCall
James McGregor
Ann Marie McNamara
J. William Myers
Anne Pennington
Carol Penterman
Raymond Pirtle
R. Calloway Renegar

Richard Schneider, M.D.
Esther Swink
M. Andrew Valentine
Harry L. Weddle III
Gudrun West
Stacy Widelitz
Mary Wieck
Theodore Wiltsie

* Life Board Member
** New Member

IMPRESARIO

2022-23 IMPRESARIO COUNCIL

sponsored by  NORTHERN TRUST

GUARDIAN \$100,000+

Barbara and Jack Bovender
Ann and Frank Bumstead

Mrs. Martha Rivers Ingram

PRODUCER \$50,000+

Anonymous

VIRTUOSO \$10,000–\$49,999

Judy and Joe Barker
Patti and Kelly Frey
Dr. George Gray
Ann and Joe Gilbert
The Letty Lou and Joe Gilbert, Jr. Advised Fund ■
H. Rodes Hart

Joanne and J. Michael Hayes
Marcus Hummon
Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Liff
Cal Turner, Jr.
Mary Hoffschwelle and Carroll Van West

MAESTRO \$6,000–\$9,999

Allis Dale and John Gillmor

ARTIST \$4,000–\$5,999

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Andrews
Mrs. Robert Boyd Bogle III
Ms. Lucie Cammack
From the William H. and Eugenia M. Cammack Fund
Sheryl and Mark Donnell
Mrs. Kathy Griffin
Linda and Jim Marler
Mrs. Harry L. Page, Jr.
Drs. Teresa and Phillip Patterson

Nancy and Mark Peacock
Mr. and Mrs. David L. Rollins
The David and Mary Rollins Advised Fund ■
Molly and Richard Schneider
Dr. Ryan and Mrs. Dee Thompson
Debra L. Greenspan and Talmage M. Watts
Jerry and Ernie Williams
Marilyn Shields-Wiltsie and Dr. Theodore E. Wiltsie

ENSEMBLE \$2,000–\$3,999

Anonymous
Rebecca and Jeremy Atack
Margaret and Robert Beck
Melissa Beckham
Emily and Nicholas Birren
Mrs. James C. Bradford
Joy and Chris Calico
Ann and Sykes Cargile
Cheryl and Jeff Carr
Ellen and Jay Clayton
Ruth Akin Roberts Cowan
Chancellor Daniel Diermeier
On behalf of Vanderbilt University

Judith Duncan
Alice Fitzgibbon
Dr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Fleischer
Nathan Green
Ms. Doralyn Harris
Ms. Olivia Hill
Ms. Deborah A. Smith-Holmes and Mr. Donald N. Holmes
Ms. Lara Hughes
Ali and Matt Jefferson
Ms. Diane Klaiber
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Leiser
Ms. Jocelyne McCall
Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas McClay

ENSEMBLE \$2,000–\$3,999 (continued)

Mr. James Lee McGregor
Mrs. Karen McKean
Rachael and Dirk Melton
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Notestine III
Heather and Tom O'Connor
Dr. and Mrs. Sokrates Pantelides
Elizabeth and Larry Papel
Mr. Gary W. Parkes
Susan Holt and Mark Patterson
Tracey and Ryan Pearson
Ms. Catherine Holsen and Mr. John Perry
Amanda and Cal Renegar
Mrs. Anne Roos
Mr. and Mrs. John L. Schiavetta

Elaina Scott
J. Michael Scott
Carole and John Sergent
Natalie Levy-Sousan
Esther and Jeff Swink
Jay Jones and Rob Turner
Nancy Coleman and M. Andrew Valentine
Janet and Jonathan G. Weaver
Ms. Emily Weiss
Dr. and Mrs. William O. Whetsell, Jr.
Stacy Widelitz
Ms. Judy Williams

*of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee

DONORS

INDIVIDUAL GIFTS



PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE \$1,000–\$1,999

James and Judy Auer
David Morgan and Karen Bloch
Mr. M. Bradshaw Darnall, III
Dr. Morel Enoch
Ms. Mariwyn Evans
Doris and Daniel Hixon
Eric Holt

Patricia Bloomfield and Wayne Irvin
Audrey Jones
Dr. and Mrs. John W. Lea IV
Mrs. Dianne Neal
Irvin and Beverly Small
Dr. and Mrs. Robert West
Mrs. Barbara Bransford White

BENEFACTOR'S CIRCLE \$500–\$999

Stefano Baldasseroni and Dennis Ditraglia
Michelle and Adam Balfour
Susan and Carl Becker
Constance and Berry Brooks
Barbara Chazen
Paula Anne and Robert Covington
Mr. Joe D Crumpacker
Holly and Michael Ferraro
Patricia and Thomas Frist
Ms. Vicki Brown and Mr. Christopher C Klein

Leslie and Scott McGilberry
Janice and David Morgan
Bonnie and J. William Myers
Annie and Karl Peters
Mary and Anthony Simasek
Mr. Charles C. Sullivan, II
Patricia Tippens
Ms. Martha J. Trammell
Jennifer Corrine Turner
Brian and Mary Woodrum

PATRON'S CIRCLE \$250–\$499

Karen and Lawrence Ahern
Anonymous
Chris Augustinos
Madelyn and David Berezov
Mr. Stanford Brown
Sean P. Corcoran

Julie and Steven Davis
Marshall and Michelle Eakin
Miss Rajappa Ekambaram
Shirley and Frank Fachilla
Anita and John Hayes
Mr. Jamie Helms

DONORS



INDIVIDUAL GIFTS

PATRON'S CIRCLE \$250–\$499 (continued)

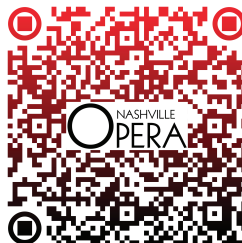
John Horn
Dr. Ingrid Meszoely
Deborah Oliver
Ms. Anne Paine
Suzanne and Clay Petrey
Joe Pohl

Ms.Carolynn Polanchek
Ms. Pam Rudisill
Joan Shayne
Irma and Robert Spies
Bryan and Hailey Stone
John H Thurman

FRIENDS CIRCLE \$100–\$249

Derrick and Brook Adom
Charles Akers
Mr. Joseph Hunter Allen, III
Michael Mishu and Zeke Arteaga
Lloyd and Nia Bonner
Brett and Aisha Buckles
Cherie and Michael Burrow
Nancy and Steve Carr
Baxter Cannada
Yvonne Christopher
Dan and Barbara Coleman
Robert and K. Gail Congdon
Robert and Paula Anne Covington
Ms. Elizabeth Crook
Leslie and Thomas DiNella
Rajappa Ekambaram
Dr. Susan Harris Edwards
Lisa and Junius Ellis
Stephen Gabor
Ms. Katy Ginanni
Ms. Kathleen Glaser
Shelie and Mike Green
Anthony and Haley Harb
Steven and Mara Harris
Caesar and Kimika Harris

Margie Hunter
David and Carolyn Joffe
Kay B. Johnson
Phyllis and James Joseph
Brian and Lyneesya Laurore
Roosevelt and Tamara Luster
Sharon and Michael Lyle
Michael Mishu
Brenda Moore
Kris and Bob Morris
Kay O'Connell
Harrison and Ugochi Osuorji
Joanne and Andy Paterno
Anne and Neiland Pennington
Clay and Suzanne Petrey
Hal and Elizabeth Roseman
Michelle Schechner
Barbara Jeanne Shelton
William Shutes
Mrs. Winifred Smith
Byron and Jamie Swindle
Dr. Stephen Truhon
Ms. Janice M Williams
Aida Yared



INSPIRED BY WHAT YOU SEE?
GIVE NOW TO HELP NASHVILLE OPERA CREATE EXPERIENCES THAT
ELEVATE OUR WORLD

GIFTS IN MEMORY

In Memory of Marion Couch

Allis Dale and John Gillmor

In Memory of Harry Page

June and Reed Bogle
Mr. and Mrs. W. Allen Bryan III
Frank and Ann Bumstead
Mrs. Judith Duncan
Gateway Acres Garden Club
Allis Dale and John Gillmor
Kathy Griffin
Morel Harvey
Highland Garden Club
Mr. and Mrs. James V Hunt
Dr. and Mrs. John W. Lea IV
Cheryl Magli
Bonnie and Bill Myers
Mary and Robert Richie
Ginny and Bob Ripley
Dancy Sanders
Mark Glazer and Cynthia Stone
John and Judy Warner
Dr. and Mrs. William O. Whetsell, Jr.

In Memory of Lt. Cmdr.

Alan A. Patterson, USN

Drs. Teresa and Phillip Patterson

In Memory of Tom Rodgers

Cherie and Michael Burrow

Kathy and Chris Hottinger
Kris and Bob Morriss
Joanne and Andy Paterno
Florence and Kenneth Pizzica
Joe Pohl
Marta and Ronald Roberts
Michelle Schechner
Christine Schultz
Mary and Anthony Simasek
Jodie and John Spellman

In Memory of Charles Roos

Judy and Joe Barker

In Memory of Sue and Earl Swensson

Madelyn and David Berezov
Ann and Frank Bumstead
Ruth Roberts Cowan
Joe D. Crumpacker
Allis Dale and John Gillmor
Doris and Daniel Hixon
Delphine and Kenneth Roberts
Evelyn Swensson
Nancy Coleman and M. Andrew
Valentine

In Memory of Jan van Eys

Ann and Frank Bumstead
Morel Enoch
Stacy Widelitz

GIFTS IN HONOR

In Honor of June and Reed Bogle

Sheila and Halsey Fischer

In Honor of Dr. Cheryl Carr

Nancy and Steve Carr
Holly and Michael Ferraro
Shelie and Mike Green

In Honor of Jay Jones and Rob Turner

Jordan Jones

In Honor of Maud and Nicholas McClay

Carolyn and Andrew Maxwell

DID YOU KNOW PROCEEDS FROM ALL SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES GO TO THE ARTS?

Or that hundreds of grants from the Tennessee Arts Commission each year are made possible by funds from the sale of specialty license plates?

With the arts getting cut from state budgets across the country, the extra revenue Nashville Opera and other Tennessee arts groups receive from specialty and personalized license plate sales is key to our survival.

Support Tennessee arts with an arts plate. (or *any* specialty plate!)

Inquire at your County Clerk's Office or visit tnspecialtyplates.org.

More Wheels! Nashville Opera's education program van and brand-new Opera on Wheels truck both proudly feature ARTS TAGS!



DONORS



CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION GIFTS

GUARDIAN \$100,000+

Ingram Charitable Fund ■
Friends of Nashville Opera (formerly Nashville Opera Guild)
Metro Arts

Middle Tennessee Opera Support Fund ■
National Endowment for the Arts
Tennessee Arts Commission

Nashville Opera is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Supported in whole or in part by federal award number SLFRP5534, awarded to the State of Tennessee by the US Department of Treasury.



PRODUCER \$50,000–\$99,999

Marlene and Spencer Hays Foundation
Northern Trust

Mary Courtner Ragland Foundation
Truist

DIRECTOR \$25,000–\$49,999

Samuel M. Fleming Foundation
The HCA Healthcare Foundation
on behalf of HCA Healthcare/TriStar Health

Vanderbilt University

PLATINUM CIRCLE \$15,000–\$24,999

Aladdin Industries Foundation
Amazon
Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund
Dollar General Corporation
Patricia and Rodes Hart Foundation

Hymowitz Family Foundation
Ingram Industries
The Memorial Foundation
Premiere Parking

GOLD CIRCLE \$10,000–\$14,999

Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee
NovaTech, Inc.
Seiler Pianos and Sammick Music Corp.
Sonesta Simply Suites

The Three of Us Foundation
Truist Foundation
Washington Foundation

SILVER CIRCLE \$5,000–\$9,999

AllianceBernstein
Bradley LLC
Brookdale Foundation
The Edward and Rose Donnell Foundation
The Enchiridion Foundation
EY

Frost Brown Todd
HCA Healthcare/TriStar Health
Jack C. Massey Foundation
NCVC
Publix Supermarket Charities, Inc.
RBC

FOUNDER'S CIRCLE \$1,500–\$4,999

Advance Financial Foundation

RBC Foundation

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE \$1,000–\$1,499

James and Judy Auer
David Morgan and Karen Bloch
Mr. M. Bradshaw Darnall, III
Dr. Morel Enoch
Ms. Mariwyn Evans
Doris and Daniel Hixon
Eric Holt
Patricia Bloomfield and Wayne Irvin
Audrey Jones
Dr. and Mrs. John W. Lea IV
Mrs. Dianne Neal
Irvin and Beverly Small
Dr. and Mrs. Robert West
Mrs. Barbara Bransford White

BENEFACTOR CIRCLE \$500–\$999

Curb Center at Vanderbilt University
EBS Foundation
The Jane and Richard Eskind and Family Foundation
The Patricia C. and Thomas F. Frist, Jr. Fund for Nashville Opera ■
HCA Caring for the Community
The Rich Foundation
Village Real Estate Advised Fund ■
Woodrum Family Fund

Annual Donations Through March 10, 2023
■ of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee

SPECIAL THANKS

Bacon and Caviar G Catering
Beyond Details Two Fat Men Catering
Bongo Java Roasting Company
Chef Penelope's Catering Anthony Popolo/Sunnyside Entertainment
Chef's Market Pour Taste
Mason Lofts

SING BRAVELY.

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

THE ANN & FRANK BUMSTEAD SEASON

Music by Sir Arthur Gilbert; Libretto by Sir W.S. Gilbert
Premiere at Bijou Theatre, Pajnton, UK – 30 December 1879

APRIL 21 - 23, 2023

Tennessee Performing Arts Center – Polk Theater

Directed by **John Hoomes**

Conducted by **Dean Williamson**

Featuring the **Nashville Opera Orchestra**

CAST

THE PIRATE KING **Leroy Davis** *
MAJOR GENERAL STANLEY **Curt Olds**
SERGEANT OF POLICE **Matt Burns**
RUTH **Emily Pulley**
MABLE **Evelyn Saavedra** *
FREDERIC **Gregory Sliskovich** *^
EDITH **Naomi Brigell** *^
SAMUEL **Brandan Sanchez** *^
KATE **Alysha Nesbitt** *^

CREATIVE

Scenic Design **Barry Steele**
Lighting and Video Design **Barry Steele**
Costume Design **Glenn Avery Breed**
Wig and Makeup Design **Sondra Nottingham**
Costume Coordinator **Pam Lisenby**
Choreographer **Tosha Marie**
Chorusmistress **Amy Tate Williams**

PRODUCTION

Technical Director **Robert Helvey**
Production Stage Manager **Joe Gladstone**
Assistant Stage Manager **Alexandra Bowden**
Assistant Stage Manager **Sara Johnson**
Master Carpenter **Josh Bennett**
Stage Running Crew **Kelly Scheuman**

Costume Crew **Autumn Dudney**
Costume Crew **Jayne Locke**
Wig Design Assistant **Michealle Vanderpool**
Wig and Makeup Crew **Taylor Martin**
Wig and Makeup Crew **Julia Gallimore**
Wig and Makeup Crew **Robin Hamrick**
Supertitles Operator **Hannah Marcoe**

Media sponsors

NASHVILLE SCENE *n*FOCUS

* Nashville Opera Debut

^ Mary Ragland Emerging Artist

A SYNOPSIS OF THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* tells the story of a young apprentice pirate named Frederic, who has just come to the end of his indentured period with the notorious Pirates of Penzance. As it turns out, Frederic was apprenticed to the pirates by mistake. His half-deaf nurse, Ruth, had been instructed to apprentice him to a "pilot," but got it a little wrong. At any rate, as he is now of legal age, Frederic decides to leave the pirate life forever. Although he loves his pirate comrades dearly, he tells them that he must now devote his life to the extermination of their kind. However, since he is still one of the pirates until the stroke of midnight, he feels obliged to offer them some constructive criticism: for savage pirates, he says, they are too softhearted. Apparently, all a captive must do is plead to being an orphan and he is immediately released! It seems the pirates were all orphans themselves and hold a tender spot for persons with a similar background. Unfortunately, since word of this has gotten around, everyone the pirates capture confesses to being an orphan. This has not really helped the pirates make a living at pillage and plunder, and they are very saddened at not being able to turn a profit.

Once upon the shore, Frederic, who has never seen any woman other than his old nurse Ruth, stumbles upon a bevy of beautiful maidens. He immediately falls in love with the most beautiful of the bunch, Mabel. She graciously offers to reclaim this "Poor Wandering One" from his life of villainy. All seems close to ending happily, but, unfortunately, Frederic has forgotten that there are pirates about! In a flash, his old comrades descend, capturing the beautiful girls! The lonely pirates are delighted by the beauty of their captives. They recognize the situation as a "first rate opportunity of getting married with impunity." But, just in the nick of time, the girls' father, Major-General Stanley, appears. He, of course, claims (untruthfully) to be an orphan, much to the consternation of the pirates. The pirates release the Major General, and his daughters. Though happy at winning a brief reprieve for his daughters, the Major General is terrified that the pirates will uncover his lie. Frederic eases his fears, promising to apprehend the band of pirates and put an end to their plundering ways forever. However, when Frederic learns that, due to a slight technicality concerning the conjunctions of dates and time, he is still indentured to the pirates, the complications abound. Then the police show up.

And then... well... just watch the show, would'ya?

Artists

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE



Stage Director

JOHN HOOMES

**Nashville Opera CEO & Artistic Director
1995-Present**

Nashville Opera

The Lighthouse, Samson and Delilah, Elmer Gantry, Aida, Don Giovanni, Andrea Chénier, The Fall of the House of Usher, The Girl of the Golden West, The Difficulty of Crossing a Field, The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat, Romulus Hunt, Florencia en el Amazonas, Hydrogen Jukebox, Così fan tutte, Glory Denied, Three Way, Maria de Buenos Aires, Tales of Hoffmann, The Cradle Will Rock, Beach Party Cinderella, Favorite Son, Rigoletto Noir, Das Rheingold, La Bohème, The Medium, Stuck Elevator

Recent

Florencia en el Amazonas – New York City Opera and Pensacola Opera
Elmer Gantry, Don Giovanni – Florentine Opera
Three Way – American Opera Projects, Brooklyn Academy of Music
Turandot – Knoxville Opera
Glory Denied – Opera Birmingham

Hometown Mobile, Alabama

Residence Nashville, Tennessee



Conductor

DEAN WILLIAMSON

**Nashville Opera Music Director
2015-Present**

Nashville Opera

Romeo and Juliet, Samson and Delilah, The Girl of the Golden West, The Difficulty of Crossing a Field, Cinderella, The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat, The Barber of Seville, Romulus Hunt, Florencia en el Amazonas, Hydrogen Jukebox, Three Way, Maria de Buenos Aires, Madame Butterfly, Beach Party Cinderella, Rigoletto Noir, Das Rheingold, La Bohème, The Medium, Stuck Elevator

Recent

Florencia en el Amazonas – New York City Opera
La Cenerentola – Arizona Opera
Three Way – American Opera Projects, Brooklyn Academy of Music Merola Grand Finales
Concert – San Francisco Opera
Madama Butterfly – Opera Idaho
Le Nozze di Figaro – Arizona Opera
Hydrogen Jukebox – University of Washington School of Music
Il barbiere di Siviglia - Opera Saratoga

Hometown Taipei, Taiwan (birthplace); Bellevue, Washington

Residence Bellevue, Washington



Pirate King

LEROY DAVIS*

Baritone

Nashville Opera
Debut

Recent

Guglielmo in *Così fan tutte* - Cedar Rapids Opera
Prince Yamadori in *Madama Butterfly* - Atlanta Opera
Marcello in *La Bohème* - Kentucky Opera

Upcoming

Figaro in *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* - Florentine Opera
John O'Mara in *February* - Opera on the Avalon (World Premiere)

Hometown Bronx, NY

Residence Chicago, IL



Major General Stanley

CURT OLDS

Baritone

Nashville Opera
The Pirates of Penzance (2015)

Recent

Emcee in *Cabaret* - Atlanta Opera
Pirate King in *The Pirates of Penzance* - Anchorage Opera
Gad Beck in *Two Remain* - Central City Opera

Upcoming

Baker in *Into the Woods* - Tulsa Opera

Hometown Butte, MT

Residence New York City



Sergeant of Police

MATT BURNS

Bass-baritone

Nashville Opera
Das Rheingold (2022)

Recent

Sulpice in *La fille du regiment* - Utah Opera
Richard (cover) in *The Hours* - The Metropolitan Opera
Don Pasquale in *Don Pasquale* - Inland Northwest Opera
Dr. Bartolo in *Il barbiere di Siviglia* - Pensacola Opera

Upcoming

Bass Soloist in *Beethoven 9th* - Delaware Symphony Orchestra

Hometown Vienna, VA

Residence Bartlett, TN



Mable

EVELYN SAAVEDRA

Soprano

Nashville Opera
*Debut**

Upcoming

Rosalba in *Florencia en el Amazonas* - Nashville Opera

Hometown Miami, FL

Residence New York City

* NASHVILLE OPERA DEBUT



Ruth

EMILY PULLEY

Mezzo-Soprano

Nashville Opera

Three Decembers (2018)
Così fan tutte (2016)

Recent

Mrs. Lovett in *Sweeney Todd* - Opera Omaha
Marjorie in *The Secret River* - Opera Orlando
Witch in *Hansel and Gretel* - Lyric Opera of Chicago

Upcoming

Ježibaba in *Rusalka* - Opera Orlando

Hometown Jackson, MS

Residence New York City



Frederic

GREGORY SLISKOVICH

Tenor

Nashville Opera

Mainstage Debut*

Recent

Forest Ranger Dudley in *Little Red's Most Unusual Day* - Nashville Opera On Tour
Njegus in *The Merry Widow* - Knoxville Opera
Max Detwiler in *The Sound of Music* - Charlottesville Opera
Monostatos in *Die Zauberflöte* - New England Conservatory
Little Bat in *Susannah* - Brevard Music Center

Upcoming

Nicely-Nicely Johnson in *Guys and Dolls* - Charlottesville Opera

Hometown Los Angeles, CA

Residence Nashville, TN



Edith

NAOMI BRIGELL

Mezzo-Soprano

Nashville Opera

Mainstage Debut*

Recent

Mrs. Hood / Granny in *Little Red's Most Unusual Day* - Nashville Opera On Tour
Nica in *Charlie Parker's Yardbird* - Dayton Opera
Olga in *Eugene Onegin* - Opera in the Heights
Mustardseed in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* - Des Moines Metro Opera
Pedrillo in *Don Quichotte at Camacho's Wedding* - Opera Saratoga

Upcoming

Mezzo-Soprano Soloist in Art song concerts - Salt Creek Song Festival (Ashland, NE)

Hometown Belmont, MA

Residence Chicago, IL



Kate

ALYSHA NESBITT

Soprano

Nashville Opera

Mainstage Debut*
HBCU Fellowship Cohort 2012

Recent

Little Red in *Little Red's Most Unusual Day* - Nashville Opera On Tour

Hometown Detroit, MI

Residence Nashville, TN



Samuel

BRANDON SANCHEZ

Baritone

Nashville Opera
Mainstage Debut*

Recent

Mr. BigBad in *Little Red's Most Unusual Day* - Nashville Opera On Tour
Sergeant of Police in *The Pirates of Penzance* - Cedar Rapids Opera
Belcore in *L'elisir d'amore* - Bloomington Chamber Opera
Schaunard in *La Bohème* - Indiana University
Gianni Schicchi in *Gianni Schicchi* - Indiana University

Upcoming

Schaunard (cover) in *La Bohème* - Florentine Opera
Belcore (cover) in *L'elisir d'amore* - Florentine Opera

Hometown Gilroy, CA

Residence Chicago, IL



Set/Video/Lighting Designer

BARRY STEELE

Nashville Opera

Der Rosenkavalier, Salome, The Lighthouse, La Voix Humaine, Lucia di Lammermoor, Faust, Surrender Road, Turandot (2006, 2015), Romeo and Juliet, Madame Butterfly, Samson and Delilah, The Fall of the House of Usher, Andrea Chénier, The Girl of the Golden West, The Difficulty of Crossing a Field, The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat, Otello, La Bohème (2014), Romulus Hunt, Florencia en el Amazonas, Hydrogen Jukebox, Don Giovanni, Glory Denied, Three Way, Carmen, Maria de Buenos Aires, Susannah, Tales of Hoffmann, The Cradle Will Rock, La Bohème, The Medium, Stuck Elevator

Recent

Don Giovanni – Edmonton Opera
Die Fledermaus, Flight – Des Moines Metro Opera *Ring of Fire* – Capital Repertory Theatre

Hometown/Residence St. Petersburg, Florida



Wigs & Makeup Designer

SONDRA NOTTINGHAM

Nashville Opera

La Bohème, Beach Party Cinderella, Florencia en el Amazonas, Salome, Elmer Gantry, Il Trovatore, The Student Prince, The Fall of the House of Usher, Rigoletto, The Girl of the Golden West, Madame Butterfly, The Difficulty of Crossing a Field, The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat, Romulus Hunt, Glory Denied, Tales of Hoffmann

Recent

Abduction from the Seraglio, Ariadne auf Naxos – St. Petersburg Opera *Das Rheingold, La Traviata* – North Carolina Opera, *Turandot, Dead Man Walking* – Shreveport Opera
Witches of Venice, Il Postino, Figaro, The Long Walk – Opera Saratoga *Carmen, Un Ballo in Maschera* – Opera Tampa, *Three Way* – American Opera Projects, Brooklyn Academy of Music

Hometown Hardinsburg, Kentucky

Residence Nashville, Tennessee

* NASHVILLE OPERA DEBUT

THE NASHVILLE OPERA ORCHESTRA

Dean Williamson, Conductor

Anne Dickson Rogers, Contractor

FIRST VIOLIN

Christina McGann, Concertmaster

Ching-Yi Lin

Carolyn Wann Bailey

Josh Holritz

Maria Romero Ramos

George Meyer

Mark Reneau

SECOND VIOLIN

Zoya Leybin

Eliza Cho

Ali Gooding Hoffman

Chuck Callahan

Esther Sanders

Emily Crane

VIOLA

Elizabeth Lamb

Carl Larson

Simona Rusu

Andrew Braddock

CELLO

Meghan Berindean

Sarah Berry

Kaitlyn Vest

Kaitlyn Raitz

BASS

Craig E. Nelson

Quentin Flowers

FLUTE

Deanna Little, piccolo

Kristen Holritz, piccolo

OBOE

Jared Hauser

CLARINET

Todd Waldecker

Emily Bowland

BASSOON

James Lotz

FRENCH HORN

Jennifer Kummer

Harry F. Ditzel

TRUMPET

Joel Treybig

Jeff Bailey

TROMBONE

David L. Loucky

Evan Clifton

TIMPANI

Ron Sorbo

PERCUSSION

Scot Corey

W. Lee Vinson