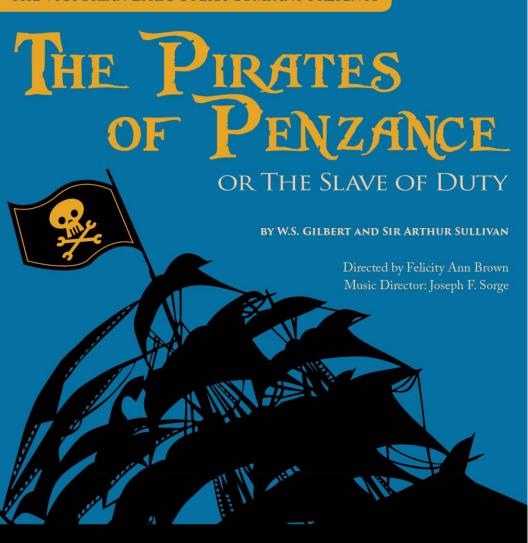
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Cast

Frederic, the Pirate Apprent	ice Timothy Ziese
The Pirate King	Jeffrey Gates
Samuel, his Lieutenant	Rick DuPuy
Ruth	
Major General Stanley	George Willis
	Keely Borland (6/12, 6/14, 6/20, 6/21-8pm) &
_	Courtney Kalbacker (6/13, 6/15, 6/21 – 2pm, 6/22)
	Rachel Ackerman
Kate	Amanda Jones
Isabel	Stevie Miller
Sergeant of Police	Tom Goode
Young Frederic	

Chorus of Pirates, Police, and General Stanley's Wards (& their governesses):

Helen Aberger, Brian Beard, Denise Cross, Kayla Cummings, Kris Devine, Tara Hockensmith, Chuck Howell, Rand Huntzinger, Ralph Jonhson, Joanna Jones, Josh Katz, Erik Kreil, Lauren Lentini, Carl Maryott, Jane Maryott, Josh Milton, Rowyn Peel, Brian Polk, Bill Rogers, Kevin Schellhase, Sarah Seider, Barabara Semiatin, Ed Vilade, Maria Wilson, Kent Woods

Orchestra

Violin I	Bass	Horn
Steve Natrella (CM)	Pete Gallanis	Joe Cross
Bonnie Barrows		Lora Katz
Peter Mignerey	Flute	Gail Hixenbaugh
Irv Berner	Jackie Miller	_
	Louise Hill	Trumpet
Violin II		Curt Anstine
Martin Brown	Oboe	Rick Pasciuto
Edwin Schneider	Gwen Earle	Tom Gleason
Cassie Conley		
	Clarinet	Trombone
Viola	Laura Langbein	Steve Ward
Amanda Laudwein	Laura Bornhoeft	Frank Eliot
Stephanie Cross		Al Potter
	Bassoon	
Percussion	Steve Weschler	Cello
George Hutlin	Betsy Haanes	Michael Stein
-	-	Sheryl Friedlander
		Andrew Nixon

Production Staff

Producer	Denise Young
	Felicity Ann Brown
Music Director	Joseph Sorge
Assistant Music Director	Jenny Craley Bland
Assistant to the Director	Helen Aberger
Stage Manager	Douglas Maryott
ChoreographyAmanda J	ones, Felicity Ann Brown, Helen Aberger
Scenic Designer	Felicity Ann Brown
Costume Designer	Denise Young
Lighting Designer	Noam Lautman
Rehearsal Pianists	Jenny Craley Bland, Joanna Jones
Light Board Operator	Noam Lautman
Makeup/Hair Designer	Renée Silverstone
Master Carpenter	Devin Work
Set Crew/Painters Helen Abe	erger, Felicity Ann Brown, Robert Dennis,
Kris Devine, Ben Drans	field, Alice Drew, Tony Dwyer, Blair Eig,
Dean Fiala, Rand Huntzi	nger, William Kolodrubetz, Sarah Martin,
•	olk, Brian Polk, Bill Rogers, Sarah Seider,
	nt, Ed Vilade, Kent Wood, Timothy Ziese
	Denise Cross, Stephanie Cross,
	evie Miller, Felicity Brown, Sarah Martin,
	en Lentini, Kathie Rogers, Barbara Miller
Props	Carl & Jane Maryott
Photography	Harvey Levine
Audition Pianist	Jenny Craley Bland
Program	Courtney Kalbacker, Denise Young
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From the Director

Earlier this year, I heard actor John Lithgow speak at The University of Maryland. He told a story of an orchestra that had been playing a particular piece in rep all season, and was getting bored with it, and it showed in their rehearsal. Just before a performance, the conductor addressed the orchestra, and told him that he understood their frustration, but he wanted them to go out and play for two specific people in the audience: The person who is hearing the piece for the very first time, and the person who is hearing it for the very last.

In directing this show, I've tried to keep that perspective in mind. There are those of you who were probably brought here by a friend or a parent or grandparent and are hearing Sullivan's music and Gilbert's jokes for the very first time today, and then those of you who have seen countless productions of *Pirates* in your lifetime and are bound to make comparisons between this and all of the other productions you've seen. My hope is that we will provide something for everyone in this audience, providing entertainment for you no matter what your level of *Pirates* expertise.

Pirates is the first Gilbert & Sullivan show I ever saw. I was a student at Westtown School, a Friends school in Pennsylvania, and our class was taken to see the middle school's production. I thought it was a very fun and silly show, but I did not retain much of the plot. Still, my grandmother, upon hearing I had seen the show, impressed upon me that this was something very important. She herself had played Ruth in a production at the very same Quaker school in the 1930s. A family legend stands that my great-grandfather had started the G&S tradition when he came there as a teacher in the 1920s, as a way to sneak some music into the rigid curriculum at a time when Quakers were not quite sure if music and theatre were appropriate uses of student time. I'm sure that Gilbert's cleverness with words, Sullivan's history of writing music for the church, and the rigidness of Victorian values displayed in the G&S canon helped to grease the wheels needed for approval.

This family tradition carried on to me when I first graced the stage as a sailor, complete with stipple-brush beard, in H.M.S. Pinafore at age twelve. I got involved with building sets for the first time, helping to hoist a giant mast and rigging on stage, I climbed up into the catwalk to focus lights, I cut off pants and glued ribbons on hats to make sailor costumes, and was fully enveloped by full range of the magic of theatre for the first time. To this day, I remain that involved, even when my primary duty is as director, because I love that feeling of creation of every little piece of the magic.

After that first production of *Pinafore*, the music and words were permanently engraved into my mind. I didn't realize the significance of this until a few months later, when I was watching the cartoon *Animaniacs* and the segment "H.M.S. Yakko" came on and I realized I had been let in on this incredible extended inside-joke for specifically for Gilbert & Sullivan fans. Sure the cartoon was goofy and full of slapstick that any child would be amused by, but I could identify all of the score as pieces of *H.M.S. Pinafore* and *Pirates*, and I understood that "I am the very model of a cartoon individual" wasn't just something from a kids show...this was an exclusive club I had been allowed into...a shared culture of the performing arts. This membership lets people in on the G&S allusions that are seen in *The Simpsons*, *Pretty Woman*, *West Wing*, *Family Guy*, *Star Trek: Insurrection*, and far too many more to list. Gilbert & Sullivan is a part of our cultural literacy that warrants passing on to future generations. Thank you for being here today, and keep passing it on.

-Felicity Ann Brown

Musical Selections

Act I : Penzance, along the Cornwall coast

Pour, O Pour the Pirate Sherry	Pirates, Samuel	
When Frederic was a Little Lad	Ruth	
Oh, Better Far to Live and Die	Pirate King, Pirates	
	Frederic, Ruth	
Climbing Over Rocky Mountain	Girls/Governesses, Edith & Kate	
Stop, Ladies, Pray!	Frederic, Edith, Kate, Girls/Governesses	
Oh, Is There Not One Maiden BreastFrederic, Mabel, Girls/Governesses		
Poor Wandering One		
What Ought We to Do	Edith, Kate, Girls/Governesses	
How Beautifully Blue the Sky	Mabel, Frederic, Girls/Governesses	
Stay, We Must Not Lose Our Senses	Frederic, Girls/Governesses, Pirates	
Hold Monsters! Mabel, Samuel, Major General, Girls/Governesses, Pirates		
I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major General Major General		
	Girls/Governesses, Pirates	
Oh, Men of Dark and Dismal Fate	Major General, Pirate King,	
	Ruth, Frederic, Ensemble	

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Act II: The Chapel at Tremorden Castle

Oh, Dry the Glistening Tear	Mabel, Girls/Governesses
Then, Frederic, Let your Escort Lion-hearted	Major General, Frederic
When the Foeman Bares His Steel	Sergeant, Mabel, Edith,
Major Gener	al, Police, Girls/Governesses
Now for the Pirates' Lair	
When You Had Left Our Pirate Fold	Pirate King, Ruth, Frederic
Away, Away! My Heart's on Fire	Ruth, Pirate King, Frederic
All is Prepared	Mabel, Frederic
Stay, Frederic, Stay!	
No, I am Brave!	Mabel, Sergeant, Police
When a Felon's Not Engaged in His Employment	Sergeant, Police
A Rollicking Band of Pirates We	Pirates, Sergeant, Police
With Cat-Like Tread, Upon Our Prey We Steal	Pirates, Police, Samuel
Hush, Hush! Not a WordFrede	eric, Pirates, Sergeant, Police
Sighing Softly to the River	Major General, Ensemble
Poor Wandering One	Company

Synopsis

Act I: Penzance, along the Cornwall coast

When Frederic was a little boy, Ruth, his nurse, was told to apprentice him to become a pilot. She misheard the word and apprenticed him to become a pirate, remaining with them as a maid-of-all-work. Although Frederic loathed the trade to which he had thus been bound, he dutifully served; and, as the curtain rises, his indentures are almost up and he is preparing to leave the band and devote himself to the extermination of piracy. He urges the pirates to join him in a more lawful calling, but they refuse. Ruth, however, wishes to become his wife. Having seen but few women, he does not know whether she is really as pretty as she says she is, but he finally consents to take her. Just then a group of girls, all the wards of Major-General Stanley, happen upon the scene. Frederic sees their beauty - and Ruth's plainness - and renounces her. Of these girls, Mabel takes a particular interest in Frederic, and he in her. The other girls are seized by the pirates and threatened with immediate marriage. When the Major General arrives, he can dissuade the pirates only by a ruse: he tells them that he is an orphan, and so works upon their sympathies that they let him and his wards go free.

Act II: The chapel at Tremorden Castle

His lie troubles the Major-General: he sits brooding over it at night in a ruined chapel. He is consoled by his wards' sympathy and Frederic's plan of immediately leading a band of police against the pirates. Meanwhile, the Pirate King and Ruth appear and tell Frederic that they have discovered that his indentures were to run until his 21st birthday, and - as he was born on February 29th - he has really had as yet only five birthdays. Obeying the dictates of his strong sense of duty, he immediately rejoins the pirates. He tells them of the deception that has been practiced upon them, and they seize and bind the Major General. But the police come to the rescue and charge the pirates to yield, "in Queen Victoria's name." This they do. Then Ruth explains that these men who appear to be lawless pirates are really "noblemen who have gone wrong," and they are pardoned and permitted to marry the Major General's wards.

COMPANY BIOGRAPHIES

HELEN ABERGER (Assistant Director, Choreographer, Ward) was most recently in the chorus and Assistant to the Director in VLOC's *Yeomen of the Guard*. She joined VLOC in *Utopia, Limited* in Summer 2013 and is also a proud member of the Rockville Chorus. Much love to husband Ben, who encouraged her to find her voice.

RACHEL ACKERMAN (Edith) is a coloratura soprano who is comfortable in both operatic and musical theater genres. Some of her stage appearances include *Gianni Schicchi* (Lauretta), *L'incoronazione di Poppea* (Virtue), *Brigadoon* (Fiona), and *Wonderful Town* (Eileen). Rachel received a BME from the Schreyer Honors College of Penn State University. She has an active voice and piano studio at Harmonic Music Studios in DC and is a soprano at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle.

BRIAN BEARD (Pirate/Police) is back for his second production with VLOC. Over the last 46 years he has been continuously involved in musical, opera, and choral productions. A perpetual member of the chorus, Brian enjoys the performances as much as the stars but without all the headaches. Thanks to my wife for her support.

JENNY CRALEY BLAND (Rehearsal Pianist/Assistant Music Director) has been playing for VLOC rehearsals since the early 1990s. Formerly a member of the World Bank's translation staff, Jenny is the accompanist for the World Bank/IMF Choral Society. Conductor for many years of a madrigal group composed of fellow employees, she now enjoys participating in *a cappella* choral workshops, especially those offered by The Western Wind and Chorworks, and plays chamber music regularly with friends.

KEELY BOSWORTH BORLAND (Mabel) was most recently a Young Artist with Fargo-Moorhead Opera where she covered the roles of Elena (Buried Alive) and Victoria (Embedded). Past roles include Princess Ida (Princess Ida), Josephine (H.M.S Pinafore), Frasquita (Carmen), Rosina (Il Barbiere di Siviglia), Papagena (Die Zauberflöte), and Princess Laoula (L'étoile). Ms. Borland was a 2014 Career Bridges Grant Award Finalist, winner of the 2013 Baltimore Music Club Competition and a Semi-Finalist in the 2013 Partners for the Arts Vocal Competition. She completed her M.M Vocal Arts USC Thornton School of in at Music. www.KeelyBosworthBorland.com

FELICITY ANN BROWN (Director) has been involved with VLOC since 2006 and has served on the VLOC Board since 2007. By day, she is the Theatre, Dance, & Performance Studies Librarian at the University of Maryland. Director: VLOC – Our Boys (Capital Fringe 2013), The Red Mill, Foggerty's Fairy(Capital Fringe & Fall Fringe 2011), Engaged (Capital Fringe 2010); SSS – Emergency Room (First runnerup for Best Overall Production, One Acts Festival 2012); MP – Personal Effects. Choreographer: VLOC – Iolanthe, The Merry Widow, Patience, Die Fledermaus, The Pirates of Penzance,; BP – Puss in Boots; GG&SS – Chicago, Ruddigore, The Sorcerer. On Stage: QTC – James Joyce's The Dead; RMT – Guys & Dolls; TFTC – Bare: a pop opera (Kyra), Humpty Dumpty is Missing! (Alice); WS – The Mikado; GG&SS – Chicago (Hunyak), The Sorcerer; and many VLOC productions.

DENISE CROSS (Governess) got the 'acting bug' performing Bloody Mary in *South Pacific*. Since then her roles have included Tituba in *The Crucible*, Copy Runner in *Broadcast News* and many other movie, TV and video roles. She's also been an announcer for local radio stations including WMAL and WGMS; and sung with UMD's Gamer Symphony Orchestra. She's a produced playwright performing her one-woman show, *Madam*, to an SRO audience at the National Theater's Helen Hayes Gallery. This is her second role for VLOC.

KAYLA CUMMINGS (Ward) is in her second performance with VLOC, after participating in the chorus for (*Utopia, Limited*). She is a freshmen at Suitland High School Visual and Performing Arts Center in PG County, studying Opera. She was honored to perform with her Middle School Choir at Carnegie Hall last year. Kayla loves all things Opera and Musicals. She aspires to perform on Broadway one day.

KRIS DEVINE (Ward) recently returned to the stage after several years of other volunteer and professional pursuits. Her past projects include *The Music Man* (Marian), *Damn Yankees* (Lola), and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Titania). She is a graduate of the Thornton School of Music. In addition to her role as a military wife she enjoys volunteering. This is her first production with VLOC.

RICK DUPUY (Samuel) has appeared in nine mainstage shows with VLOC, most recently as Ernst Dummkopf in *The Grand Duke* and Pish-Tush in *The Mikado*. A native Washingtonian and retired Latin teacher, he has also performed G&S operettas with the Washington Savoyards and at the International Gilbert and Sullivan festival in England. Rick, whose full name is 'Frederick', spent his 21st birthday attending a performance of *Pirates*.

JEFFREY GRAYSON GATES (Pirate King) is happy to join VLOC to reprise his very first musical role. Since that performance almost 10 years ago, he has distinguished himself as a talented young baritone across the country. A graduate of Peabody Conservatory, Mr. Gates performs extensively throughout the region, most recently appearing onstage at Lyric Opera Baltimore and in solo recital at the Kennedy Center's Millenium Stage. He lives in Baltimore with his brilliant soprano wife, Courtney Kalbacker. www.JeffreyGatesBaritone.com.

TOM GOODE (Sergeant of Police) has appeared with VLOC in a variety of roles, including the tyrannical Burgomaster in The Red Mill, the dignified and condescending Lord Mountararat in Iolanthe, and the vague and lovestruck Vicar in The Sorcerer. By day, he works for the Catholic Church sorting our records for the Military Archdiocese. He has never been threatened with an emeute, but his sister was bitten by one once.

TARA HOCKENSMITH (Ward) is delighted to be portraying yet another mischievous youngster in her second production of Pirates with VLOC. She was previously seen onstage giggling her way through VLOC's March 2014 production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Yeomen of the Guard*, and attempting to sing all thirteen of Gilbert and Sullivan's operettas at the 2013 *Sing Out*. When not on stage, she enjoys traveling, hiking, and reading.

CHUCK HOWELL (Pirate/Police) Mild-mannered Archivist and Curator by day, Chuck Howell is glad to return to the VLOC stage again at night (and for the matinees, too). When not working at the UMD Libraries or alternately growing and shaving off facial hair for VLOC productions, he can be found at one of the frequent concerts, performances or recitals of his much more musically talented family. Thanks to daughters Anna and Rebecca and wife Carol for tolerating the effects of playing both a pirate and a policeman on his personality.

RAND HUNTZINGER (Pirate/Police) started performing with VLOC in the 2006 production of *The Gypsy Baron* and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Since then, he has appeared in more than two dozen VLOC shows as a member of the chorus or occasionally in a small role.

RALPH JOHNSON (Pirate/Police) has performed in 97 musical stage productions, 24 with VLOC. He sings with the Prince William Sound barbershop quartet, in the Bull Run Troubadours and Harmony Heritage Singers (male choruses), and in the NOVA Annandale Chorale. Ralph and his wife, Ellen, met in a *Ruddigore* production in Durham, NC. Thanks to Ellen for many years of patient support of Ralph's singing/performing/rehearsing.

AMANDA JONES (Kate/Choreographer) is thrilled to be in her fourth production with VLOC after appearing in *Iolanthe* (Fleta), *The Red Mill* (Tina), and *The Yeomen of the Guard* (Phoebe). Favorite past roles include *Dames at Sea* (Ruby), *Nunsense* (Sister Mary Leo), *Damn Yankees* (Meg), and *The Gondoliers* (Fiametta). By day, Amanda is a nurse practitioner at NIH. She would like to thank her daughter Gabriella and husband Greg for all their love and support.

GABRIELLA JONES (Young Frederic) is very excited to be making her theatrical debut in VLOC's *The Pirates of Penzance*! Gabriella is 5 years old and her favorite activities include swimming, dancing, and karate. She enjoys making videos of herself singing music from the movie *Frozen* for her whole family to enjoy.

JOANNA JONES (Ward) is performing her second show with VLOC. In February she made her VLOC debut as Kate in Yeomen of The Guard. Joanna just graduated from the University of Maryland with degrees in both Piano Performance (BM) and Vocal Performance (BA). Other solo roles include 1st Knabe (The Magic Flute), Narrator (Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat) and Mayzie (Seussical). She has performed frequently in choral concerts at the Kennedy Center, The White House, The Meyerhoff and Strathmore

COURTNEY KALBACKER (Mabel) spends many hours with VLOC where she both performs (Phyllis in *Iolanthe*, Angelina in *Trial by Jury*, Adele in *Die Fledermaus*) and serves on the board, coordinating marketing efforts and designing the shows' programs. She is also an operatic stage director with Silver Finch Arts Collective, an AGMA stage manager at Lyric Opera Baltimore, and the Director of Production at Opera AACC. Thanks to her wonderful husband, Jeffrey Grayson Gates. www.CourtneyKalbacker.com

JOSH KATZ (Pirate) is proud to be in his second production with VLOC. Previous work with VLOC involves last year's performance of *The Red Mill* (Piet). Josh thanks his fellow actors and his family for their support in helping him pursue his dream of theater.

ERIK KREIL (Pirate/Police) Erik (spelled with a K – it's pronounced differently) has been in the chorus and set crew for 13 VLOC operettas, split into two eras. His first VLOC appearance was in *Patience* as part of VLOC's newcomer Class of '88, along with current VLOC performer Kent Woods. He dropped out in 1991, only to return to VLOC 20 years later. He does not intend to drop out for 20 years again.

NOAM LAUTMAN (Lighting Designer) is glad to be with VLOC once more after working on last summer's *The Red Mill* and *Our Boys*. He is currently studying stage management at UNC School of the Arts where he has worked on many projects including *The Nutcracker*. Be sure to check out some more of his work during RMT's *The Music Man* in July.

LAUREN LENTINI (Ward) wasn't at all involved in theater before 2011, but now finds herself in her fifth Gilbert & Sullivan production in four years. Her past productions with the Georgetown Gilbert & Sullivan Society include The Sorcerer, The Mikado, Trial by Jury and Iolanthe.

CARL MARYOTT (Pirate/Props) began singing with VLOC in the 2006 production of *The Gypsy Baron*, and is happy to be appearing in his second *Pirates*. His favorite roles include Bogdanovich (*The Merry Widow*), Ivan (*Die Fledermaus*) and Nevado (*El Capitan*). He would like to thank the audience for supporting VLOC in its effort to present quality musical entertainment in Rockville.

DOUGLAS MARYOTT (Stage Manager) has worked offstage in every VLOC show since he first joined the company during their last run of *Pirates of Penzance* and is delighted to be around again for this old favourite. He previously stage managed *The Cole Porter Project* with The In Series.

JANE MARYOTT (Governess/Props) has sung with VLOC in most shows since 2006's production of *Gypsy Baron* and has done props for many of them. She currently serves on the VLOC Board as Secretary. When not on stage Jane is busy enjoying retirement and planning where to travel next!

STEVIE MILLER (Isabel) is very excited to be part of another VLOC production! Since joining in 2012, she has appeared as a tabloid reporter (*Trial by Jury/The Sorcerer*), a fairy (*Iolanthe*) and "Heather" in *The Red Mill*. She holds her B.A. in Music from Bryn Mawr College, and has studied acting at the William Esper Studio and at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, where her roles included Emilia in *Othello* and Lysimachus in *Pericles*.

JOSH MILTON (Pirate/Police) is an insurance agent by profession, and is a singer, songwriter and parodist as opportunities arise. He is also the artistic director of the Players Unlimited theatre group. Pirates will be his 11th VLOC show. Josh and his wife Suzanne have two children who love music, Sam and Anabel.

ROWYN PEEL (Ward) is a student at Blair High School. She's thrilled to be performing with VLOC again. Her first VLOC show was *Yeomen of the Guard* this winter. She has sung with Bel Cantanti Opera Company in the choruses of *Romeo et Juliette* and *L'Italiana in Algeri*, with Washington Revels in *The Christmas Revels*, and sang Amaryllis in *The Music Man* with Washington Savoyards and the NSO Pops at the Kennedy Center.

BRIAN POLK (Pirate) is pleased to perform with VLOC again, having been previously seen in The Red Mill (Con Kidder). Other recent credits include the pantomimes Cinderella (Chorus) and Puss in Boots (Freckles) and the plays The Royal Family (Perry Stuart) and Rough Crossing (Adam Adam). Off-stage Brian works as a service engineer for a scientific instrument company and enjoys drawing and fitness as hobbies. His favorite role is "Daddy" to his two gorgeous, young daughters.

BILL ROGERS (Pirate) is very happy to be in his second VLOC production. A 14 year member of the American University choir, Bill also sings barbershop with Harmony Express.

KEVIN SCHELLHASE (Pirate) is joining VLOC for the second time! Kevin has a B.Mus. in vocal performance and studies as a baritone under Molly Donnelly. He has sung with the National Philharmonic Chorale and appeared in ensemble roles for *My Fair Lady, Little Shop of Horrors*, and VLOC's *The Yeomen of the Guard*. Kevin loves learning new musical instruments, composing, and voiceover acting.

SARAH SEIDER (Ward) is thrilled to be performing in her first show with VLOC as well as her first ever G&S production! She has been a G&S fan since seeing HMS Pinafore at age 5. Favorite musical theater roles include *Lucky Stiff* (Annabel), *Once Upon a Mattress* (Winnifred), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Tseitel), and *Hello Again* (Young Wife). Special thanks to Dad for bribing us all to go to operettas with intermission ice cream sandwiches.

BARBARA SEMIATIN (Governess) is thrilled to be in her **tenth** consecutive VLOC production, having performed in the choruses of *Mlle Modiste*, *Die Fledermaus*, *Trial By Jury*, *The Sorcerer*, *The American Maid, Iolanthe, The Red Mill, Utopia Limited* and *Yeoman of the Guard*. Prior to VLOC, Barbara sang in Sweet Adelines choruses and quartets for 10 years. An accountant with the Coast Guard, she plays keyboard with the Coast Guard Headquarters band. Love to husband Steve.

RENEE SILVERSTONE (Makeup/Hair Designer) is a London-trained makeup and hair stylist who has worked with community theatre in England and the U.S. for years. She always has time for Look Good Feel Better program for women undergoing cancer treatment.

JOSEPH SORGE (Music Director, Conductor, and Artistic Director) first joined VLOC in February 1996, when he went on stage as Count Raoul de St. Brioche in *The Merry Widow*. He is responsible for starting the September concert series, bringing rarely performed works to the Fitzgerald stage, such as *Mlle. Modiste*, *The Desert Song, Naughty Marietta, The Grand Duke*, and John Philip Sousa's operettas *Desirée*, *El Capitan, The American Maid, and* the upcoming *The Charlatan*. He has also broadened the repertoire of VLOC in its fully staged productions outside the standard Gilbert & Sullivan canon by introducing works by Offenbach (*La Belle Helene, La Vie Parisienne*), Strauss (*The Gypsy Baron*), and Donizetti (*The Elixir of Love*). In 2011, Maestro Sorge was awarded "Best Conductor" for *The Mikado* at The Gettysburg International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival. On December 23, 2012, Maestro Sorge took the podium as a guest conductor at the annual Messiah Sing-Along at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. With the completion of last September's concert presentation of *Utopia, Limited*, Joe has now conducted all 13 existing Gilbert & Sullivan operettas ... many more than once.

WENDY A.F.G. STENGEL (Ruth) appeared in VLOC's *Our Boys* (Belinda) and The 5th Great Gilbert & Sullivan Sing Out (Lady Jane). Other roles include GGSS's *The Sorcerer* (Mrs. Partlet), *Ruddigore* (Dame Hannah), *Patience* (Lady Jane), *Chicago* (Mama Morton), *Into the Woods* (Jack's Mother), *Merrily We Roll Along* (Scotty), *Anything Goes* (Mrs. Harcourt), and *How to Succeed in Business* (Miss Krumholtz). Chorus: GGSS: *H.M.S. Pinafore*, *Urinetown*, *Cabaret*, *City of Angels*; Stroyka: *Chess*.

ED VILADE (Pirate/Police) has played many parts -- musical, comedic and dramatic -- over a theatrical "career" of more than half a century. Many roles have been with VLOC, most recently in *Iolanthe* and *Yeomen of the Guard*. He is a retired writer of books, magazine and newspaper articles, and speeches. He lives in Bethesda with his very supportive wife, Alice. His daughter, Tess, lives in Japan.

GEORGE WILLIS (Major General) Commuting to his new job in Wheaton, MD prompted George (a.k.a. "Biscuit Boy" at the Silver Diner near his home in Springfield, VA) to audition for VLOC's 2014 Season. So with a "striking" performance in the ensemble of *Yeoman of the Guard*, along with this promotion to MG, George confidently challenges his West Point classmates (including several REAL Army generals) to a duet of "Anything You Can Do..."

MARIA WILSON (Governess Trainee) is excited to join in her 8th VLOC production after *The Yeomen of the Guard, Utopia Limited, Iolanthe, The American Maid, Trial by Jury/Sorcerer, Die Fledermaus and Mlle. Modiste*. She has also performed in *My Fair Lady, The Music Man* and a FMMC concert. She enjoys performing with wonderful cast, staff, orchestra and audience. Many thanks to her biggest fan and supporter, her husband, Roy (frequent usher).

KENT WOODS (Pirate) has performed in many VLOC productions since he joined the company in 1988. He recently portrayed Joshua Pennyfeather in *The Red Mill* and Lord Dramaleigh in *Utopia, Ltd*.

DEVIN WORK (Master Carpenter) has worked for 10 years in theater during which time he has done 40 shows, working all positions back stage, in particular set crew chief and stage manager. This is his second show with VLOC and he is looking forward to many more in the future.

DENISE YOUNG (Producer, Costume Designer) has worn many hats with VLOC: performer, producer, costume designer, stage manager, or whatever needs doing. She has produced and costumed most of VLOC's shows over the last 18 years. Her stage appearances with VLOC include *Iolanthe* (Fairy Queen), *La Belle Hélène* (Bacchis), *The Merry Widow* (Hannah Glawari), *The Elixir of Love* (Adina), *The Gypsy Baron* (Saffi), *The Magic Flute* (Queen of the Night), and *Die Fledermaus* (Rosalinda) in addition to most of the sopranos in the Gilbert & Sullivan canon. Other favorite roles include Susanna in *The Marriage of Figaro*, Donna Elvira in *Don Giovanni*, Dorene in *Tartuffe*, Lucy in *The Telephone* with The Forgotten Opera Company. Thanks to Joe for the love and support and tolerance of total chaos at home.

TIMOTHY ZIESE (Frederic) is overjoyed to perform with VLOC in one of G&S's most beloved operettas. Previously, he appeared in VLOC's *Our Boys* (Charles Middlewick, Capital Fringe 2013), *The Red Mill* ("Kid" Conner), *Iolanthe* (Peer), *Die Fledermaus* (Dr. Blind) and *Foggerty's Fairy* (Walkinshaw, Fall Capital Fringe 2011). He has also performed with RMT in *Guys and Dolls* (Rusty Charlie), with QTC in *James Joyce's The Dead* (Bartell D'Arcy), and with GG&SS in *The Sorcerer* (Alexis).

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	erforming Arts Theatre of	2000	Die Fledermaus.
	Spring Think I		Ruddigore
	Cox and Box/Trial by Jury	2001	The Mikado
	rian Arts Summer Theatre		Patience
Comp			Gilbert & Sullivan Drawing Room
19/9	The Sorcerer	2002	La Vie Parisienne
TOI X	Haddon Hall		The Gondoliers
	Victorian Lyric Opera Company		The Zoo/Trial By Jury
	The Yeomen of the Guard The Mikado	2003	The Pirates of Penzance
1981			Iolanthe
1002	The Pirates of Penzance Patience		The 3rd Great Gilbert & Sullivan
1982			Sing-Out
1002	The Gondoliers	2004	The Magic Flute
1983	Cox and Box/Trial by Jury		H.M.S. Pinafore
1004	H.M.S. Pinafore The Mikado		The Desert Song
		2005	The Mikado
1985	Iolanthe		The Yeomen of the Guard
1000	The Yeomen of the Guard		Gilbert and Sullivan by Request
1980	Trial by Jury The Pirates of Penzance	2006	The Gypsy Baron
1007	H.M.S. Pinafore		Princess Ida
1987		2007	Ruddigore
1000	Ruddigore		Pirates of Penzance
1988	The Mikado		Desirée
1000	Patience	2008	The Elixir of Love, Patience
1989	Trial by Jury The Gondoliers		Cox and Box (Capital Fringe
1000	Ine Gondoners Iolanthe		Festival)
1990			The 4th Great Gilbert & Sullivan
1001	The Pirates of Penzance Princess Ida		Sing-Out
1991		2009	The Merry Widow
1002	H.M.S. Pinafore		The Gondoliers
1992	The Yeomen of the Guard		Naughty Marietta
	The Mikado	2010	The Grand Duke, H.M.S. Pinafore
	The 1st Great Gilbert &		Engaged (Capital Fringe Festival)
	Sullivan Sing-Out		El Capitan
1002	Ruddigore	2011	La Belle Helene, The Mikado
	Patience		Foggerty's Fairy (Capital Fringe
1994	The Pirates of Penzance		Festival)
1005	Iolanthe		Mlle. Modiste
1995	The Gondoliers	2012	Die Fledermaus
1006	H.M.S. Pinafore		Trial by Jury/Sorcerer
1996	The Merry Widow		The American Maid
1007	The Mikado		Many Moods of Christmas
1997		2013	Iolanthe
1000	The Pirates of Penzance		The Red Mill
1998	Orpheus in the Underworld		The 5 th Great Gilbert & Sullivan
	The Yeomen of the Guard		Sing Out
1000	The 2nd Great G&S Sing-Out	2014	The Yeomen of the Guard
1999	Princess Ida	2011	

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