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SALINA SYMPHONY AND KWU PRESENT GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S "PIRATES OF PENZANCE"

The Salina Symphony and Kansas Wesleyan University join forces to present Gilbert and Sullivan's lighthearted comic opera, "Pirates of Penzance." A favorite with audiences since its first performance more than 125 years ago, the production will take the stage at the Stiefel Theatre for the Performing Arts, 151 S. Santa Fe, Salina, November 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The story, set off the coast of Victorian-era England, revolves around a dutiful young lad, Frederic, who was mistakenly apprenticed by his hard-of-hearing nursemaid to a band of pirates. Upon his release from his indentures, Frederic is duty-bound to help wipe out the hapless band of ruffians. All seems lost as the bumbling buccaneers brawl with Her Royal Majesty's police, but it turns out the pirates may have a few aces up their frilly sleeves after all.

The 4th annual joint opera production of the Salina Symphony and KWU, the "Pirates of Penzance" cast will feature University students and community members under the direction of Barbara Marshall. Symphony musicians will be found in the orchestra pit under the baton of Maestro Ken Hakoda.

Tickets for this swashbuckling tale of duty and honor may be purchased at the Stiefel Theatre Box Office, 151 S. Santa Fe, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Tickets may also be ordered by phone at 827-1998 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Single admission is \$17 for adults and \$10 for students. For more information, please visit www.salinasymphony.org.

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