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NEW AND OLD CAST MEMBERS PRESENT GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S "THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE"

The Rice Light Opera Society will present Gilbert and Sullivan's famous comic light opera "The Pirates of Penzance" in seven performances March 26-29, 31-April 2, 2009 in Rice University's Rice Memorial Center Grand Hall.

Returning to the stage from past Rice Light Opera Society productions in titled roles are Geoff Copper as Frederic (last seen as Edwin in October's "Trial By Jury"), Patrick Kruse as Major-General Stanley (last seen as the Judge in October's "Trial By Jury"), Corey Shaw as Samuel (last seen as the Foreman in October's "Trial By Jury"), Joe White as the Police Sergeant (last seen as the director of 2006's "Ruddigore"), Gillian Kruse as Ruth and Mairi Litherland as Isabel (both last seen as chorus members in "Trial By Jury"). Returning chorus members include Sarah Bronson, Tim Cragin, Alex Johannigman, Ryan Kruse, Alex Lawler, Graham Piburn, Marjorie Scherf, Stephanie Tritchler, and Heather Williamson from "Trial By Jury," Mike Cordray and Jamie Sammis from "H.M.S. Pinafore," and Lucas Ogden-Davis from "Ruddigore."

Newcomers to the company include Quinn Shadko as Mabel, Alex Lambert as the Pirate King, Sarita Panchang as Edith, and Marie Parks as Kate. Additions to the chorus include Rosalie Berg, Virginia Busby, Kim Lord, Erin Lytle, and Kristina McDonald.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$5 for the Rice community and children under the age of 12. Other students, with student ID, may receive the Rice discount for the matinee show. For directions, parking information, and ticket reservations, please visit <http://www.hailpoetry.com>.

The Rice Light Opera Society has staged productions since 2002, most recently performing "Trial By Jury" in October 2008. The mission of the society is to increase awareness and appreciation of light opera in the Rice and greater Houston communities.

Editors: For information and high-resolution photos: www.ruf.rice.edu/~rlos/shows/pirates2/press.html.