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Lamplighters Music Theatre Presents Gilbert & Sullivan's

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

August 1-24, 2014

Walnut Creek, Mountain View, San Francisco, Livermore

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (28 May 2014) – San Francisco's highly acclaimed Lamplighters embark upon their 62nd Season this August with an uproarious production of that swashbuckling perennial favorite — ***THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE***. In one of the most popular comic operas of all time, meet Frederic, an orphan lad who finds himself the victim of his nursemaid's hearing impediment after she mistakenly apprentices him to a pirate instead of to a pilot. Under the terms of his apprenticeship, Frederic is bound to serve his pirate captain until his 21st birthday. Unfortunately for Frederic, he was born on February 29 in a Leap Year; and, thus, despite his moral scruples and attraction to the Major-General's daughter Mabel, he feels himself bound as a "slave of duty" to remain a pirate until well into middle age! Jane Erwin Hammett will be stage director, and Resident Music Director Baker Peebles will conduct some of Gilbert & Sullivan's best-loved songs, *including For I Am a Pirate King, Poor Wand'ring One, and Modern-Major General*.

CAST

Samuel, <i>the pirate lieutenant</i>	Chris Uzelac
The Pirate King	Ben Brady, Charles Martin
Frederic, <i>the pirate apprentice</i>	Samuel Faustine, Robert Vann
Ruth, <i>pirate maid of all work</i>	Sonia Gariaeff, Deborah Rosengaus
Edith	Ellen Leslie, Michele Schroeder
Kate	Susanna Ketron, Talia Trozzo
Isabel	Lindsey Rae Johnson
Mabel	Elena Galván, Kaia Richards
Major-General Stanley	F. Lawrence Ewing
Sergeant of Police	Steve Goodman, Robby Stafford

WALNUT CREEK

WHERE: Leshher Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive (at Locust)
WHEN: Friday August 1 at 8pm, Saturday August 2 at 2pm & 8pm, Sunday August 3 at 2pm
TICKETS: For tickets (\$20-54) please call **925-943-7469** or visit **lesherartscenter.org**

MOUNTAIN VIEW

WHERE: Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street
WHEN: Saturday August 9 at 2pm & 8pm, Sunday August 10 at 2pm
TICKETS: For tickets (\$20-53), please call **650-903-6000** or visit **mvcpa.com**

SAN FRANCISCO

WHERE: Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theater, 700 Howard Street
WHEN: Thursday August 14, Friday August 15 at 8pm, Saturday 16 at 2pm & 8pm, Sunday 17 at 2pm
TICKETS: For tickets (\$15-59), please call **415-978-2787** or visit **ybca.org**

LIVERMORE

WHERE: Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street
WHEN: Saturday August 23 at 2pm & 8pm, Sunday August 24 at 2pm
TICKETS: For tickets (\$22.50-47), please call **925-373-6800** or visit **bankheadtheater.org**

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Lamplighters Music Theatre Lamplighters Music Theatre was founded in 1952 to produce the comic operas of librettist W.S. Gilbert and composer Arthur Sullivan, and is now recognized as one of the world's pre-eminent Gilbert & Sullivan companies. The Lamplighters' repertoire includes all the surviving works of these creative geniuses, as well as a select group of comic operas and classic musicals by other composers that exemplify their artistic vision. Critically acclaimed artistic successes for the Lamplighters include honors for Best Production and Best Director at the International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival in Buxton, England and local awards in nearly every performance, direction, and design category. The hallmarks of a Lamplighters production are lavish costumes and sets, live orchestra, excellent comic acting, and gorgeous unamplified singing that showcases the beauty and purity of the human voice.

Gilbert & Sullivan created a new kind of music theatre. Their music is largely classical in style, but lyrics and music are perfectly matched; librettos are complicated, but highly literate, thought-provoking and hugely entertaining. Between 1875 and 1896 they took the world of music by storm with their 13 comic operas, including *H.M.S. Pinafore*,

The Pirates of Penzance and *The Mikado*. Today, their topsy-turvy, melodic creations continue to inspire, intrigue and delight performers and audiences of all ages.

In addition to an active performance schedule, The Lamplighters provide performance and training opportunities in this unique style of classic music theatre to local theatre artists, and seek to promote appreciation for the works of Gilbert & Sullivan through youth programs, school performances and other types of community outreach.