BZAEDS ON BROADWAY

presents the

2014 Morton Reisman Eighth Grade Operetta GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S





Saturday, March 29, 8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30, 2:30 p.m.

Dear Eighth-Grade Cast and Crew of The Pirates of Penzance,

Amazingly and true, your Operetta weekend is here! You've spent many a day practicing swordplay, rehearsing songs, learning choreography, and setting cues for blocking. You have explored what it means to be or support everyone from pirates, to maidens, to a very model of a modern Major-General. And, now all this tremendous work will pay off in (pirate) boatloads!

We are proud of your many accomplishments both on and off the stage. And now, in your moment in the spotlight, your work and energy will be highlighted, literally! The stage is yours, we are here to bask in your light and applaud your hard work. Thanks for doing everything you did to make the 58th Morton Reisman Operetta yours to remember fondly for many years to come.

As an outcome of this effort, you will forever be our "Pirate" cast, and to paraphrase from the show, "And it is, it is a glorious thing to be a Pirate cast!"

With appreciation in arrrrr hearts,

Dr. Horwitz Head of School

Ms. Maegawa Head of Middle School

Ms. Garfinkel Head of Jewish Studies

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About the Director



Colette Nakielski is thrilled to be a part of the stellar faculty of Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School. This is Colette's first year

at BZAEDS and her sixth year teaching. This past fall, Colette helped the seventh grade create and perform a brand new piece of theatre entitled Forever Young and is very excited to be bringing The Pirates of Penzance to the BZAEDS stage. Colette performed Pirates when she was in high school and throughout this process has been learning about BZAEDS faculty members and families who have their own piratical connections! She hopes this production will either bring back memories for you or help you create new ones!

Colette received her Theatre and Music Performance degrees from Ripon College and continued her educational studies at VanderCook College of Music. Along with teaching and directing, dabbles in the Chicago arts scene both as a singer and actress. She has also worked with the Chicago Children's Choir and Prairie Fire Children's Theatre. touring а children's theatre company based in Minnesota, and serves on the Board of Directors at Piccolo Theatre in Evanston

The BZAEDS community welcomed Colette with open arms, and so many people have helped bring this production to the stage. First and foremost, she would like to give a special thanks to the arts team- David Schwartz. Josh Mather, Xoe Fiss and Charki Dunn. Special thanks also to the Morton Reisman Family, Alyson Horwitz, Motoko Maegawa, Abby Aloni, Tzivia Garfinkel, Carrie Joy Lash, Joey Shapiro, Dani Steele, Jeff Ellison, David Fain, Beth Sanzenbacher. Chana Futterman. Mitch Daar, the BZAEDS Athletics Department, the Middle School Faculty, Frank Castaneda and the maintenance staff. Joe Cox and the security staff, Yvonne Kennedy and the kitchen staff. Idie Zimbler. Phoebe Cape, Erica Mutschler. Margaret Johnson, Karen Martin, Nick Kabat, Sam Hubbard, Rick Gilbert, Susie Chapman, the Anshe Emet Synagogue, the eighth-grade parents and the entire cast and crew. And for Colette, none of this would have been possible without the unwavering love and support from her amazing husband, Chris.

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Director's Note

Welcome to the 2014 Morton Reisman Operetta, The Pirates of Penzance or The Slave of Duty by William S. Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan, Gilbert began and Sullivan their collaboration in 1875. ultimately collaborating for 20 years and producing 13 operettas among other works, with Gilbert creating librettos and Sullivan taking the musical helm. Although Gilbert and Sullivan were internationally acclaimed, their works were frequently stolen and adapted by American theatre troupes who did not pay royalties to perform the operettas. In 1879, Gilbert and Sullivan wrote The Pirates of Penzance, poking fun at "respectability." In an attempt to solve their copyright issues in America, they opened the show in New York at the Fifth Avenue Theatre on December 31 of that year. Although they were not successful at protecting their works, Pirates did gain popularity with critics and audiences in America and abroad. Pirates has since become one of the most frequently performed, translated, and parodied operettas of Gilbert and Sullivan, and even became a movie in 1983.

Though written nearly century and a half ago, The Pirates of Penzance is a timeless tale with characters that appeal to modern There audiences. are farcical characters, such as the Pirate King who leads a band of swashbuckling pirates but will never attack a weaker party, and the Major-General who is extremely knowledgeable but makes up words to complete his rhymes. There are also characters that affect us in other ways. The alternate title to this operetta—*The* Slave of Duty—really encapsulates the essence of the tale through the eyes of protagonist Frederic. Young Frederic is caught in a constant battle of where his duties lie—first, to piracy, then against piracy, then right back into that same piratic role. Although the ridiculousness of his situation and fastidiousness is comically absurd, there is an element of admiration that Frederic deserves for always filling his roles to the best of his ability.

The Morton Reisman Operetta provides an ideal opportunity for the students to hone their music and acting skills, and it gives them a chance to dig deeply into the technical aspects of theatre. Students run the soundboard. design hair and makeup, produce the posters and lobby displays, play in the pit orchestra, and even choreograph and direct. With the students involved in all aspects of production, the Class of 2014 has truly taken ownership of this operetta. The process also extends into the BZAEDS community as numerous faculty, staff, and family members have dedicated their time and talent to help make this operetta spectacular.

Taking on The Pirates of Penzance as the 2014 Morton Reisman Eighth Grade Operetta was no easy feat. *Pirates* is a true operetta—shorter and lighter than an opera, but still largely sung—and has florid language and an ever twisting plot. While this might have proven too much for some middle schoolers, the BZAEDS Class of 2014 jumped into the process with both feet, exploring characters, breaking apart the language, and learning difficult musical styles of delivery, such as recitative. The purpose of the Eighth Grade Operetta is to delight audiences and celebrate the conclusion of the students' time at BZAEDS. Yet, more importantly, it is to unite the eighthgrade class and create a memory that they will keep forever. There is no doubt that the eighth-graders will remember learning swordplay, wearing fancy dresses, and having mustaches. but it will be the final chord, the final bow, and the sense of accomplishment that will keep this class united for years to come.

Thank you for coming to support these wonderful students and to celebrate the Class of 2014. It is now time to hoist the anchor, raise the sails, and take a rollicking journey with the 58th Annual Morton Reisman Eighth Grade Operetta, *The Pirates of Penzance*.

The Pirates of Penzance Synopsis Act 1 (The Shores of Cornwall, England)

Frederic has reached his twentyfirst birthday and the pirate crew is celebrating the end of his indentures ("Pour O Pour"). Frederic announces that he will not continue on as a pirate once his contract ends, but rather, will destroy the pirates out of his sense of duty. After all, he only became a pirate by accident ("When Frederic was a Little Lad"). He urges the Pirate King to return to respectability, but the Pirate King refuses ("Better Far to Live and Die"). Ruth, Frederic's nurse, goes with him on his new adventures in hopes of marrying him, but when when Frederic Major-General Stanley's sees daughters he spurns Ruth ("Oh, False One"). The Daughters sing about what a lovely place they are in ("Climbing Over Rocky Mountains") and are about to go wading when Frederic reveals himself ("Stop, Ladies, Pray!").

Frederic hopes that one of them will marry him ("Oh, Is There Not"); they are not interested, but Mabel arrives and takes pity on him ("Poor Wandering One"). Her sisters aren't sure whether they should leave Mabel and Frederic alone ("What Ought We to Do"), and in the end decide to stay and talk about the weather ("How Beautifully Blue the Sky"). Frederic knows that the pirates are still around ("Stay, We Must Not Lose Our Senses"), and indeed, the pirates come to seize the girls to marry them. Mabel stops them ("Hold Monsters") by explaining that their father is a Major-General; their father arrives and introduces himself ("I am The Very Model of a Modern Major-General"). The Major-General urges the pirates, who are all orphans, to not take away his daughters on the invented claim that he too is an orphan ("Oh, Men of Dark and Dismal Fate"). The pirates decide instead to make the Major-General an honorary pirate.

Act 2 (Tremorden Castle, Penzance, England)

Major-General remorse for lying to the pirates ("Oh, Dry the Glistening Tear"), and Frederic consoles him by bringing in the police who will wipe out the pirates ("When the Foeman Bears His Steel"). The Police leave along with Major-General Stanley and his daughters, and the Pirate King Ruth surprise Frederic, telling him that because he was born on a leap day he won't reach twenty-first birthday until 1940 ("When You Had Left Our Pirate Fold"). Frederic, ever the slave of duty, agrees to become a pirate again and reveals that the Major-General lied about being an orphan ("Away Away!"). Mabel is not happy to hear that Frederic is rejoining the pirates

("Stay, Frederic, Stay"), but bravely summons the Police ("When a Felon's Not Engaged"). The Police hide ("A Rollicking Band of Pirates We") and the Pirates show up to get revenge on Major-General Stanley ("With Cat-Like Tread"). The Pirates also hide when Major-General Stanley appears guilt-induced insomnia ("Sighing Softly"). The Pirates are about to capture the Major-General when the Police appear and a battle ensues. The Pirates win, but the Police Sergeant tells them to give up in the name of Queen Victoria. The Pirates do and are about to be taken away when Ruth reveals that the Pirates are all aristocrats. The Major-General offers his daughters to the Pirates ("Poor Wandering One"), and everybody lives happily ever after.

The Pirates of Penzance Musical Numbers

Act One

Overture

Operetta Instrumental Ensemble

Pour, Oh Pour the Pirate Sherry Samuel, Pirates

When Frederic Was a Little Lad
Ruth

Oh, Better Far to Live & Die Pirate King, Pirates

Oh False One, You Have Deceived Me! Frederic, Ruth

Climbing Over Rocky Mountain Edith, Kate, Isabel, Daughters

Stop, Ladies, Pray Frederic, Edith, Kate, Daughters

Oh, Is There Not One Maiden Breast?
Frederic, Josephine, Daphne,
Daughters, Mabel

Poor Wandering One Mabel, Daughters

What Ought We to Do?
Edith, Kate, Daughters

How Beautifully Blue the Sky Mabel, Frederic, Daughters

Stay, We Must Not Lose Our Senses Frederic, Daphne, Samuel, Antonio, Edith, Kate, Isabel, Josephine, Celia, Pirates, Daughters

Hold, Monsters! Mabel, Samuel, Daughters, Pirates, Major-General

Modern Major General Major-General, Daughters, Pirates

Oh Men of Dark & Dismal Fate Entire Cast

Act Two

Oh, Dry the Glist'ning Tear Sat. Cast: Edith, Josephine, Phyllis Sun. Cast: Phoebe, Leila, Isabel

When the Foeman Bears His Steel Sergeant, Jane, Archibald, Police, Mabel, Edith, Isabel, Daughters, Major-General

When You Had Left Our Pirate Fold Ruth, Antonio, Pirate King, Frederic, Thomas, Samuel

Away, Away! Pirate King, Ruth, Frederic, Thomas, Samuel

> Stay, Frederic, Stay! Mabel, Frederic

No, I am Brave/Sergeant, Approach Sergeant, Jane, Archibald, Police, Mabel

> **It's Too Late Now** Sergeant, Martha, Police

A Rollicking Band of Pirates Sergeant, Archibald, Jane, Police

With Cat-Like Tread Samuel, Antonio, Thomas, Pirates, Police

Hush, Hush Frederic, Major-General, Pirates, Police

> Sighing Softly Entire Cast

Medley of Pirates of Penzance Arr. Colette Nakielski Sibling Cast

With Cat-Like Tread in Hebrew Entire Cast

Saturday Cast

Frederic Mabel Pirate King

Ruth

Major-General Sergeant

Samuel Antonio Thomas Edith Kate Isabel Josephine

Archibald Jane Celia Phoebe Aline

Daphne

Phyllis Lelia Zorah Elise Wilfred Rupert

Luiz

Jasper Reginald George Despard Lionel Edwin

Gilbert Ernest Roderic Casilda

Patience Tessa Martha Vittoria

Elsa Ralph Richard Edward

Conrad Leonard Ben Sibul Eliana Shiloh Ben Rosengard Camryn Oliff

Eli Bresler Jessi Lieb

Max Pizer-Lippitz Noah Simon Alex Gola Gabi Wallk Eden Ephraim Hannah Singer Rachel Sohn Molly Weinberg

Benjamin Nathan Samantha Weitzman Mollie Smithson Hannah Sohn Amelia Rosenbaum Alana Chandler Jackie Fertel Hannah Silver

Maya Lieberman Ben Xilas Sammy Sobel Daniel Julius Josh Leon Louis Lothan Daniel Korach Avery Zimmerman Hunter Walder Nate Medow

Ethan Shifrin
Jason Heilbronner
Henry Block
Emma Weiss
Lana Berry
Lily Block

Lindsay Goldman Yaya Weiner Elizabeth Goldblatt

Leo Daley Grant Kovel

Brandon Smithson Mitchell Bedows Alex Chapman

Sunday Cast

Frederic Mabel **Pirate King**

Ruth

Major-General

Sergeant Samuel **Antonio Thomas** Edith Kate Isabel Josephine **Daphne**

Archibald Jane Celia Sophy Phoebe Aline

Lelia Zorah **Elise** Wilfred Rupert Luiz

Phyllis

Reginald **Despard** Lionel Edwin

Jasper

Gilbert Mervyn **Ernest**

Roderic Casilda **Patience** Tessa

Martha Vittoria Elsa Ralph

Richard Edward Conrad Leonard Ethan Shifrin Noa Rosenberg David Malkin Maya Leiberman

Henry Block Elizabeth Goldblatt

Jason Heilbronner Noah Simon Alex Gola Hannah Sohn

Amelia Rosenbaum Alana Chandler Jackie Fertel Hannah Silver Benjamin Nathan

Samantha Weitzman Mollie Smithson Eliana Shiloh Gabi Wallk Eden Ephraim Hannah Singer Rachel Sohn

Camryn Oliff Ben Xilas Sammy Sobel **Daniel Julius** Josh Leon Louis Lothan

Molly Weinberg

Avery Zimmerman Hunter Walder Nate Medow Ben Sibul

Ben Rosengard Max Pizer-Lippitz

Eli Bresler **Emma Weiss** Lana Berry Lily Block

Lindsay Goldman Yaya Weiner Jessi Lieb Leo Dalev Grant Kovel

Brandon Smithson Mitchell Bedows Alex Chapman

2014 Operetta Instrumental Ensemble

Josh Mather

Conductor

Selections from
The Pirates of Penzance

Baritone

Natalie Rudman

Flute

Michael Mackoff Delmore Lazar

Oboe

Mia Lipsitz

Percussion

Alex Gola Noah Lichstein

Benjamin Rosengard

Trumpet

Simon Goldman Will Brunner

> David Orkin Jared Saef

Nathan Appelbaum

Nate Hohner

Tuba

Michael Weisman

Saxophone

Justin Schechter

Violin

Hannah Revels

Student Choreographers

Lana Berry, Henry Block, Alana Chandler, Eden Ephraim, Jackie Fertel, Elizabeth Goldblatt, Lindsay Goldman, Grant Kovel, Jessi Lieb, Maya Lieberman, David Malkin, Camryn Oliff, Noa Rosenberg, Eliana Shiloh, Mollie Smithson, Hannah Sohn, Rachel Sohn, Gabi Wallk, Yaya Weiner, Emma Weiss

Artistic & Technical Crew

Director/Producer

Assistant Director/Producer

Set Design/Construction/House Manager Online Ticket Sales/Box Office Managers

Costume Supervisor Music Supervisor Mic Supervisor

Mic Assistant/Backstage Assistant

Backstage Supervisor/ Hebrew Translator

Hebrew Translator

Hair and Make-up Supervision/Eighth-Grade

Team Leader **House Managers**

Follow-Spot Operator/General Supervision Running Crew Supervisor/Mic Assistant

Fight Choreographer

Ushers **Programs**

Lighting Rentals

Lighting Design/Light Board Operator

Stage Rentals Costume Rentals Accompanist (piano)

Flute Trumpet Clarinet

Colette Nakielski **David Schwartz** Xoe Fiss

Mitch Daar Carrie Joy Lash Josh Mather Charki Dunn

Beth Sanzenbacher Chana Futterman Leehe Matalon Danielle Steele

Karen Manilow & Sara Mervis Jeff Ellison David Fain Sam Hubbard **Eighth-Grade Parents**

Erica Mutschler Design Lab Mark Bracken AAA Rentals The Costumer Inc. Nick Kabat

James Brinkman Jeff Schweitzer James Garcia

Student Artistic & Technical Crew

Directors Alex Gola, Elizabeth Goldblatt, Benjamin Rosengard

Stage Manager Jessi Lieb

Set Design Amelia Rosenbaum, Gabi Wallk, Molly Weinberg,

Emma Weiss

Eden Ephraim, Maya Lieberman, Rachel Sohn Costumes

Daniel Korach, David Malkin Sound

Jason Heilbronner, Hannah Singer, Noah Simon Stage Crew Spotlight Louis Lothan, Benjamin Nathan, Nate Medow,

Hannah Silver, Sammy Sobel Alana Chandler, Ethan Shifrin

Props Yaya Weiner (Crew Captain), Lana Berry, Jackie Fertel, Hair &

Makeup Lindsay Goldman, Noa Rosenberg

Programs Daniel Julius

Eli Bresler, Henry Block, Hannah Sohn Publicity

Poster Hunter Walder

Alex Champan, Leo Daley, Ben Xilas, Avery Zimmerman **Lobby Display** Cast Shirt

Lily Block, Grant Kovel, Josh Leon, Camryn Oliff,

Design Mollie Smithson, Samantha Weisman Rehearsal

Eliana Shiloh **Photos**

Who's Who in the Cast



Mitchell Bedows (Conrad) is very excited to be playing the part of Conrad the policeman in the BZAEDS Class of 2014 performance of The Pirates of Penzance. Mitchell excelled in his pivotal role as an eel in last year's play, The Little Mermaid Jr., and he looks forward to another pivotal role this year. In his spare time, he likes to watch TV, listen to music, and hang out with friends. Mitchell has taken part in his two brothers' plays as a sibling and looks forward to starring in his own.



Lana Berry (Patience) is so excited to be a part of this year's Operetta The Pirates of Penzance. She was incredible last year in The Little Mermaid Jr., as Alana. Her exciting part included one line, "Woah." She enjoys dancing and being with her friends. She is excited for high school, but will miss BZAEDS very much! She would like to thank all of the teachers, especially Ms. Nakielski and Mr. Schwartz, and can't wait for the show!



Henry Block (*Major-General*) is very happy to be Major-General Stanley in the Eighth Grade Operetta. On an excitement scale of one to ten, Henry would definitely be up there. Henry's favorite color is red. He enjoys that color. If one were to ask him what his favorite color was, he would most likely say that his favorite color is red. One time Henry considered changing his mind so that his favorite color would be yellow. He did not do so. And as a result, his favorite color remains red. You may remember Henry from such performances as The Little Mermaid Jr. where Henry was Chef Louis. He made food, as Chef Louis was a chef. Chefs make food. Henry is currently in the Second City Youth Ensemble. Thank you for reading Henry's actor bio.





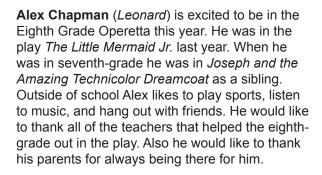


Lily Block (Tessa) can't wait for The Pirates of Penzance. She has been waiting for this role as a police officer for as long as she can remember. She will "Tarantara" her little butt off! Lily has also starred in The Little Mermaid Jr. as Flounder and in Goin' Buggy as a ladybug. The play will be the most important night in Lily's life right in front of her wedding and the birth of her children.

Eli Bresler (Major-General) is very happy to be playing the Major-General in the 2014 Operetta. Last year in the seventh-grade play The Little Mermaid Jr., Eli was Sebastian. Eli really likes to play soccer, football and many other sports. He also really likes being with his friends at school, and other friends at Camp Greenwoods in Decatur, Michigan. He would like to thank everyone who made the play the best it can be. Enjoy the show!

Alana Chandler (*Isabel*) is a little nervous but excited for her Eighth Grade Operetta, The Pirates of Penzance. She enjoys warm days on the shore of Lake Michigan, eating grilled broccoli, listening to "Man in the Mirror" by Michael Jackson and "The Way" by Ariana Grande on repeat for consecutive hours, and participating in school plays. Some of Alana's biggest fears involve being force fed sushi. swimming in a pool of seaweed, and having stage fright. Alana challenges herself to embrace both her Jewish roots and native Japanese sides of her identity, doing so through her love of cooking. She recently took part in The Little Mermaid Jr. in the starring role of a mersister, and was a ladybug in the first-grade play, Goin' Buggy. She knows that her singing may not be the best, but she would like the audience to know that she has put much effort into memorizing her lines and dance moves. She put her full effort into the creation of this special play. Thank you for reading this and please enjoy the show.







Leo Daley (*Ralph*) can't wait for his star role in *The Pirates of Penzance* as Ralph the police officer. He has worked so hard to memorize all of his lines. Last year you might have seen him as Jetsem in *The Little Mermaid Jr.* and in first-grade in *Goin' Buggy* as a firefly (he lit his firefly light all over the stage). Leo hopes this role shoots his acting career into full speed.



Eden Ephraim (*Kate*) is so excited for the Eighth Grade Operetta *The Pirates of Penzance*. She first debuted in the first-grade play as a ladybug, and then performed again in seventh-grade as a princess. Eden has been looking forward to her turn to participate in the play for as long as she has been going to BZAEDS. She is very prepared.



Jackie Fertel (Josephine) is downright psyched to be in this year's Eighth Grade Operetta The Pirates of Penzance. Her most recent gig was starring in The Little Mermaid Jr. as the totally rad mermaid Alana. Jackie enjoys any crime TV show, and probably could not live without "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit." Her favorite bands are Minus the Bear, Led Zeppelin, The Grateful Dead, and Grizzly Bear. A few important things in her life are skiing, snowboarding, playing the drums, painting, and having an awesome sense of style. Jackie would like to thank Mr. Schwartz and Ms. Nakielski for making this epic show possible and hopes for everyone to sit back, chill, relax, decompress, and enjoy the show



Alex Gola (*Thomas*) is happy to be a part of *The Pirates of Penzance*! He enjoys food and talking to mannequins in the night times. He has been anticipating the arrival of this Operetta since he was but a small child. He is excited to perform for everyone as the pirate Thomas. He loves to perform in front of others, as well as eat. If you like the character Thomas, or you don't like striped shirts, you will love his performance.



Elizabeth Goldblatt (Sergeant) has been in The Little Mermaid Jr. and Annie so far with BZAEDS. She is an actress at Second City and is excited to be in *The Pirates of Penzance*. She is playing a policeman on Saturday and the Sergeant on Sunday. She knew she wanted to play the Sergeant ever since she got lost three times in two days as a child and the police sergeant was really nice every time he took her home. You must be thinking, "This girl must be quite talented to make it this far after getting lost that often." But she can't take all the credit. Elizabeth would like to thank the nice police sergeant for not being too hard on her, her parents for not disowning her, Ms. Nakielski and Mr. Schwartz for making this possible and everybody else who believed in her. Please note that the previous statement about getting lost is not true.



Lindsay Goldman (Martha) is very excited to be in this year's Operetta, The Pirates Of Penzance. She has enjoyed being involved in the productions of The Little Mermaid Jr., and Goin' Buggy. Lindsay is ecstatic about her role as a police woman named Martha. She cannot wait for her Eighth Grade Operetta, and would like to thank Ms. Nakielski and Mr. Schwartz, along with the eighth-grade advisors, for putting together such a great performance.



Jason Heilbronner (Samuel) is excited to be part of The Pirates of Penzance. Jason loves to perform as well as play video games, watch crime and action dramas, and attempt to do things that are not quite possible. In the summer, Jason attends Camp Chi in Wisconsin. After being in The Little Mermaid Jr. as an eel, Jason has since looked forward to doing this play, assuming that the corporations weren't taking over. Jason hopes that his family will be able to attend his performance as Samuel and hopefully he will shine like the sun on a sunny Sunday where the sun is very sunny. He sends special thank to Ms. Nakielski and Mr. Schwartz and also to his very talented eighth-grade peers.



Daniel Julius (*Luiz*) is thrilled to be participating in the Operetta *The Pirates of Penzance*. He starred in the seventh-grade play as a sailor and a ship's crew member. He has much experience starring on ships (from the seventh-grade play) so he knows he will do well as a pirate His acting experience did not begin in seventh grade, though. He starred in the first-grade play as a firefly, and later pursued his career and was awarded first place in a national competition where the participants wrote about why theatre is important. He was awarded this award in second grade. He looks forward to the Operetta!



Daniel Korach (George) is very excited to play George in the upcoming Eighth Grade Operetta. Daniel played Jetsam, one of the electric eels, in the BZAEDS seventh-grade production of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* Daniel is excited to participate in the Operetta to round out his journey at BZAEDS. He enjoys being at home, spending time with his family, and playing, watching, and researching multiple sports. Next, Daniel is very excited for high school and has ambitions to become an aeronautical engineer for Boeing. Finally, Daniel would like to thank Mr. Schwartz, Ms. N., and all of the teachers and staff that made this show possible and is excited it all has come together!



Grant Kovel (*Richard*) is extremely excited to play the role of Richard the policeman in this year's Operetta, *The Pirates of Penzance*. Last year he really enjoyed performing in *The Little Mermaid Jr.* as Prince Eric. Grant loves to play tennis, soccer, baseball and enjoys juggling. Last summer, he attended Camp Chi and enjoys spending time in Wisconsin. He would like to thank Mr. Schwartz and Ms. Nakielski for directing the show, as well as Ms. Fiss, the eighth-grade teachers and everyone who contributed in any way to the show.



Josh Leon (Jasper) is one of the pirates. He enjoys his character and you may find him as the Roman pirate. Josh loves being a pirate and he hopes you enjoy the show. You may have seen him last year as Scuttle and seven years ago as a bumblebee. He also plays hockey and would like to thank his mom for driving him everywhere.



Jessi Lieb (Sergeant) is so excited to finally be part of the Operetta and is very sad it is her last year at BZAEDS! She was Ursula in the seventh-grade production of The Little Mermaid Jr. and really enjoyed it. She was also a firefly in the first grade Goin' Buggy. She is so enthusiastic about her part as the Sergeant in The Pirates of Penzance and is ready to put on a show! She would like to thank Ms. Nakielski, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. Fiss, the advisors, and all of the Class of 2014 for helping make this play possible!



Maya Lieberman (*Ruth*) is beyond excited to be playing such a fun role in this year's Eighth Grade Operetta, The Pirates of Penzance! You may have seen Maya as Aguata in last year's seventh-grade play, The Little Mermaid Jr., or one of her other shows throughout the years. Some of her roles include Ms. Hannigan in Annie, Glinda in Wicked, Mayzie in Seussical, and more. She also attends Interlochen Arts Camp and plans to continue attending through high school. In her freetime, Maya enjoys playing guitar and soccer and spending as much time with her friends as she can before graduation in the spring. She would like to thank Ms. Nakielski and Mr. Schwartz for doing such a great job with the show...Enjoy!



Louis Lothan (Reginald) is incredibly excited to be in the Eighth Grade Operetta, The Pirates Of Penzance. In the Operetta he plays the pirate Reginald. In seventh-grade he participated in the play The Little Mermaid Jr. as King Triton. Outside of school Louis enjoys rock climbing, reading, and attempting to eat tiny hamburgers with chopsticks. He would like to thank everyone who helped make this Operetta work.



David Malkin (Pirate King) is extremely excited to play the role of the Pirate King in this year's Operetta, The Pirates of Penzance. In seventhgrade, David played the role of Flotsam in The Little Mermaid Jr. and managed the sound board for the play. David is excited to try and take on an even bigger role than Flotsam while continuing to manage the sound board for one of the performances. David has a strong interest in technology and many sports like golf, baseball and basketball. He also enjoys spending time with his friends and family. David has been involved in many BZAEDS activities. David would like to thank Ms. Nakielski, Mr. Schwartz and all of the eighth grade advisors who have made this show possible. Enjoy the show!



Nate Medow (*Edwin*) is very excited to be in the Operetta this year. He has acted in plays such as *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, *Goin' Buggy*, Ms. Hellman's fifth-grade play, and Ms. Hellman's sixth-grade play. Nate loves to play sports like baseball, basketball, football, soccer, and Jiu jitsu. He likes to tinker with things, and find ways to make new solutions for old problems. Nate would like to thank Ms. Nakielski, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. Fiss, and the whole eighth-grade staff for their contributions to the play, and to his parents for supporting him.



Benjamin Nathan (*Archibald*) enjoys reading and video games when he isn't at school. You may remember him from *The Little Mermaid Jr.* last year as King Triton. He is excited to be playing Archibald in *The Pirates of Penzance* this year.



Camryn Oliff (Ruth) has been waiting for the Eighth Grade Operetta for eleven years and can't believe it's finally here! She has two sisters and has performed in both of their Operettas: Bye Bye Birdie and The Music Man. She has also performed in The Little Mermaid Jr. in seventh grade and Goin' Buggy in first grade. Camryn loves to hang out with friends and play sports, and she loves Camp Blue Star. She is very excited to be playing Ruth in this year's Operetta, The Pirates of Penzance! She would love to thank Ms. Nakielski, Mr. Schwartz and Ms. Fiss for making this play possible! Enjoy the show!



Max Pizer-Lippitz (Samuel) is extremely excited to play Samuel in the the Eighth Grade Operetta. He was also Prince Eric in The Little Mermaid Jr. in seventh grade, and a firefly in Goin' Buggy in first grade. He enjoys hanging out with friends, playing the piano, playing video games and watching TV. Max's favorite TV shows are "Modern Family" and "The Big Bang Theory." He goes to Camp Chi in the summer and his favorite activities there are waterskiing and tubing. When he is older he will be famous, get married when he is 25, and have four kids because four is his second favorite number. His first favorite number is seven but that would be too many kids and he would forget their names. He wants to thank everyone for making this play possible, especially Ms. Nakielski and Mr. Schwartz.



Amelia Rosenbaum (*Kate*) is excited to be playing the role of Kate in the Eighth Grade Operetta. She really enjoyed participating in the seventh-grade play, *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, and is even more excited for *The Pirates of Penzance*. She has participated in the plays her camp, Camp Nicolet, has put on for the past five years. Among other shows, she has participated in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Cinderella*, and *Oliver*. Her other hobbies include soccer and playing the piano. Amelia wants to thank Ms. Nakielski and Mr. Schwartz as well as her friends and family for supporting her throughout this process.



Noa Rosenberg (Mabel) is pumped to be in the eighth-grade production of *The Pirates of* Penzance. Noa enjoys long walks on the beach, singing to herself in the dead of night, dancing in the rain, continental breakfasts, watching feelgood movies like "World War Z" (though she hasn't actually seen that one yet), and drinking tea while looking out of a window thoughtfully. She's just a girl who likes to kick back and have a good time! You have seen Noa in BZAEDS on Broadway productions such as the firstgrade play Goin' Buggy where she changed the acting game as a bee, as well as last year's The Little Mermaid Jr. as Ariel. She is also in the Second City Youth Ensemble which is currently performing. Noa would like to thank everyone who is here today as well as all of the people who helped create this production! Now who's ready for a great show!



Benjamin Rosengard (Pirate King) is so excited to be in the 2014 BZAEDS Operetta, The Pirates of Penzance. You may have seen him play King Triton in the seventh-grade play, *The Little* Mermaid Jr. He is an only child and has two great, supportive parents. Outside of school, Benjamin likes to play the drums and piano, play baseball and basketball, and learn Spanish and Chinese. He also has a passion to travel the world. He has traveled to Costa Rica, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, France, England, Turkey, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Liechtenstein, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Egypt, Jordan, and Israel. He would like to thank Ms. Nakielski, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. Fiss, Mr. Mather, the eighth-grade advisors, and everyone else who has helped out and made this production possible. Enjoy the show!



Ethan Shifrin (Frederic) Jr. is very excited to be in the play The Pirates of Penzance. He was Prince Eric in the seventh-grade play and a sibling in the 2012 Operetta The Music Man. Outside of school he plays many sports like soccer and basketball, and also watches many sports. His favorite teams are the Illini, the Cubs, the Bears and the Bulls. He would like to thank everyone who is involved with putting the show together. He hopes you enjoy the show!



Eliana Shiloh (*Mabel*) is very excited to play a part in The Pirates of Penzance! She has been waiting for her Eighth Grade Operetta for eleven years and can't believe it's finally here. Outside of school, Eliana enjoys singing, hanging out with her friends, and fashion. She hopes to one day be the owner of a brand name fashion company or launch a career as a singer. You may have seen Eliana in last year's production of *The* Little Mermaid Jr. as the role of Ariel. One of her favorite places is Camp Chi, and she will be attending for her fourth year this summer. She is very eager to go to high school but will really miss her friends at BZAEDS. She cannot wait for the play to come together and would like to thank all of the people who helped out. Enjoy the show!



Benjamin Sibul (*Frederic*) is extremely excited to participate in the 2014 Eighth Grade Operetta, *The Pirates of Penzance*. Last year, he really enjoyed participating in *The Little Mermaid Jr.* as the character Grimsby. Ben loves to play several sports including soccer, basketball, baseball, and he really relishes a game of ping pong. Ben also loves to hang out with his friends, especially at the overnight camp he attends in the Northwoods, Camp Horseshoe. He would like to thank Ms. Nakielski, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. Fiss, and all of the advisors for making this show as good as possible!



Hannah Silver (Daphne) is so excited to be in the Operetta this year! You may have seen her last year in The Little Mermaid Jr. when she was a mersister. She has two younger siblings that will also be in this year's play The Pirates of Penzance! Outside of school, Hannah likes to play soccer, hang out with friends, spend time with her family, and travel. This year, Hannah traveled to Israel with her dad for her first time! She cannot wait to be in this year's play and would like to thank Ms. Nakielski, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. Fiss, and all of the eighth-grade advisors who made this play possible; we really appreciate all the hard work you have put into it! On with the show!



Noah Simon (*Antonio*) is very excited to be a part of the Eighth Grade Operetta *The Pirates of Penzance*. Noah already has play experience from the award-winning BZAEDS first-grade show *Goin' Buggy*, in Ms. Altman's seventh-grade play for her Hebrew class, and, of course, in the highly acclaimed seventh-grade show *The Little Mermaid Jr.* In *The Little Mermaid Jr.* he played Sebastian, the nervous crab who tries to protect Ariel from Ursula. He did an amazing job and is excited to have another crack at a big play. Do not miss this amazing actor in *The Pirates of Penzance!*



Hannah Singer (Isabelle) is excited to be in the 2014 Operetta The Pirates of Penzance! You may have seen Hannah as Flounder in the seventh-grade play. Hannah has been ice-skating for ten years. She can't wait for her turn in the spotlight. Hannah is very talented and ready to take on the majestic role of a main daughter. She would like to thank her family for helping her prepare for this big day in her life and also her wonderful drama teachers Ms. Nakielski and Mr. Schwartz for putting this all together. Hannah's talent will shine through and show her potential throughout the show.



Brandon Smithson (Edward) can't wait to be Edward, a policeman, in The Pirates of Penzance. He played Scuttle in the seventh-grade play The Little Mermaid Jr. He was also in the sibling cast for Annie in fifth grade. Brandon likes to play sports, especially skiing, play video games, and watch TV, like sports games, outside of school. He would also like to thank every teacher that has helped make this play possible because without them the play wouldn't have been as good. Moreover, he is looking forward to performing in this play because he knows every single person that comes to this play will love it!



Mollie Smithson (Celia) is so excited to be in The Pirates of Penzance. Mollie has been going to BZAEDS for twelve years. She loves to be in shows; you might have seen her in The Little Mermaid Jr. as a mersister, in Annie in the sibling cast, or in Goin' Buggy as a ladybug. Mollie lovesice skating, skiing, and basketball. She also loves going to Camp Birch Trail during the summer. She can't wait to be in this play and would like to thank everyone who helped out to make this Operetta possible. She hopes you all enjoy the show!



Sammy Sobel (Rupert) is excited to get to participate in this year's Eighth Grade Operetta, The Pirates of Penzance. He has been in other plays at BZAEDS like Goin' Buggy, and he played Scuttle in The Little Mermaid Jr., as well as a sibling in The Music Man two years ago. Outside of school he loves to play guitar and bass, watch TV, and play baseball. He is very excited to go to high school, but will miss his time at BZAEDS. He would like to thank Ms. Nakielski and Mr. Schwartz for directing the play, and all the other teachers and faculty at the school for helping him get to where he is today!



Hannah Sohn (Edith) is extremely excited and ready to participate in The Pirates of Penzance! She has loved being a part of many other school performances such as Goin' Buggy and The Little Mermaid Jr., and cannot wait to get up and perform in front of the school community for her last time. Outside of school Hannah enjoys playing soccer, softball, basketball, and attending Cheley Camp in the summer. She is so sad that this will be her final year at BZAEDS. Some people she would like to thank are Mr. Schwartz, Ms. N., and the many other members of faculty who have helped to prepare such a spectacular Operetta. Enjoy the show!



Rachel Sohn (*Josephine*) is excited to participate in BZAEDS' 2014 Operetta, The Pirates of Penzance! Her first performance was the firstgrade production Goin' Buggy as a bumble bee. Last year Rachel was thrilled to play Ursula in the seventh-grade production. The Little Mermaid Jr. Rachel has also been a part of performances in summer camps where she began her interest in singing, dancing, and acting. She has been part of the BZAEDS community for 10 years and is sad to leave next year. She feels fortunate to have the memories, lessons, and experiences she has received here. Rachel would like to thank Mr. Schwartz and Ms. Nakielski and all other teachers for their hard work and dedication to make such a magnificent performance. Enjoy the show!



Hunter Walder (Lionel) is extremely excited to be in the play, The Pirates of Penzance as Lionel. He has been a student at BZAEDS for 10 years. Last year he played the roles of a tentacle and a seahorse in The Little Mermaid Jr. for the seventh-grade play. Hunter loves to play and watch sports. He plays basketball, baseball, soccer, golf, and tennis but he loves to watch all of them as well. Recently he played basketball for the championship-winning BZAEDS Eagles eighth-grade team and Lakeview Lakers travel basketball team. He'd like to thank Ms. N. and Mr. Schwartz for putting on this wonderful production for the eighth grade and he is looking forward to having a blast while performing this play.



Gabi Wallk (Edith) is thrilled to participate in this year's Operetta, The Pirates of Penzance. She enjoyed performing in the first-grade production Goin' Buggy, the seventh-grade production The Little Mermaid Jr., and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, as a sibling. She has taken acting classes at Looking Glass, Second City, and The Entertainment Project and enjoys singing, dancing, and acting. Gabi attended BZAEDS for 11 years and is enjoying her last year her. She loves spending time with family and friends, running, yoga, and traveling. She would like to thank Ms. Nakielski, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. Fiss, the eighth-grade advisors, and the wonderful Class of 2014 for making this play possible!



Molly Weinberg (Daphne) is so excited to be a part of The Pirates of Penzance as Daphne in this year's Operetta! Last year, she really enjoyed her role in The Little Mermaid Jr. as mersister Atina and in first-grade she played a bumblebee in Goin' Buggy. Outside of school, Molly is a part of the Chicago Rowing Foundation's middle school team, plays violin, and is an avid reader. She loves hanging out with friends and goes to Camp Kamaji where she loves to spend her summers. Molly would like to thank everyone for helping to make this year's Operetta such a fun experience!



Yaya Weiner (Vittoria) is thrilled to take part in the Eighth Grade Operetta. She has been a part in many school performances like her first gradeplay Goin' Buggy, and her seventh-grade play The Little Mermaid Jr., in which she was Carlota. She has taken part in some theatre classes during the summer, from which she learned many things. Out of school Yava has been on several sports teams such as the basketball team, the track and field team, and this year she participated on the soccer team for the first time. Lastly, she would like to thank her drama teachers. Ms. Nakielski and Mr. Schwartz. She would also like to thank all of the other advisors that took part in putting the play together and all of her classmates.



Emma Weiss (*Casilda*) is so excited to be a part of this year's Operetta The Pirates of Penzance. You may have seen her in the seventh-grade play The Little Mermaid Jr. as Flounder. She has also participated in the first-grade production of Goin' Buggy as a ladybug. She is sad that this is her last year at BZAEDS and will miss it very much. Outside of school Emma enjoys soccer, tennis and attending Camp Thunderbird for Girls in the summer. She has loved watching the Eighth Grade Operetta every year and is so excited she has the opportunity to be a cast member this year. She would like to thank Ms. Nakielski, Mr. Schwartz, Ms. Fiss, and all the other faculty members that have made this amazing show possible. Enjoy the show!



Samantha Weitzman (Jane) is very excited to perform in this year's performance of The Pirates of Penzance. She loved being in the seventh-grade production of The Little Mermaid Jr. Outside of school Samantha enjoys playing softball, basketball, and attending Cheley Colorado Camp in the summer. She hopes that this year will be an amazing one, and she is very sad that it is her last year at BZAEDS. People Samantha would like to thank include Ms. Nakielski and Mr. Schwartz, and all the teachers who have helped with making this Operetta a reality. Enjoy the show!



Ben Xilas (Wilfred) is excited to be in the Eighth Grade Operetta this year. He was in the play The Little Mermaid Jr. last year. When he was in fifthgrade he was in Annie as a sibling. Outside of school Ben likes to play sports, listen to music, and hang out with friends. He would like to thank all of the teachers that will be helping out in the play.



Avery Zimmerman (Despard) is very excited about playing the role Despard in the play The Pirates of Penzance. Last year he enjoyed playing the role of Sebastian in The Little Mermaid Jr. He was also a bee in the first-grade production of Goin' Buggy. Avery enjoys playing soccer and watching sports such as football, hockey and soccer. He also has mixed feelings about this being his last year at BZAEDS. He would like to thank his mom and dad, Ms. Nakielski and Mr. Schwartz, and the entire eighth grade for 10 amazing years at BZAEDS. Enjoy the show!

Sibling Cast



Top row: Kayla Chandler (5th), Lilah Ephraim (5th), Daniel Goldblatt (5th), Lexi Goldman (5th), Hannah Julius (6th)

Second Row: Hannah Korach (7th), Nicole Leon (4th), Dani Lieb (5th),

Rebecca Nathan (5th), Jack Pizer-Lippitz (5th)

Third Row: Natalie Rosenbaum (5th), Ariella Shiloh (3rd), Charlie Silver

(SK), Eva Silver (4th), Ella Simon (6th)

Fourth Row: Danny Singer (6th), Aidan Weinberg (5th), Zoe Weiss (4th)

About BZAEDS ON BROADWAY

This BZAEDS ON BROADWAY production is the finale of the middle school drama curriculum. Students build the foundations of theatre in fifth- and sixth-grades, then work together as a grade to perform a small musical in seventh-grade, and a full-length musical in eighth-grade: The Morton Reisman Eighth Grade Operetta. The show title changes from year to year, but the focus remains the same. The experience allows for the development of self-confidence and provides an avenue to further strengthen the group identity.

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In 1957, the first three-act operetta was presented by the fifth-grade. From 1958 to the present, the eighth-grade classes have starred in the operetta with the seventh-grade in supporting roles during some years.

Year	Title	Director
1957	Hansel & Gretel (Engelbert Humperdinck)	Morton Reisman
1958	The Magic Flute (Mozart)	Morton Reisman
1959	H.M.S. Pinafore (Gilbert & Sullivan)	Morton Reisman
1960	Masquerade in Vienna (adapted Johann Strauss)	Morton Reisman
1961	The Hither and Thither of Danny Dither (Alex North)	Morton Reisman
1962	Robin Hood (De Koven)	Morton Reisman
1963	H.M.S Pinafore (Gilbert & Sullivan)	Morton Reisman
1964	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (R. Gibson)	Morton Reisman
1965	Rip Van Winkle (C. Fiore & N. Flagello)	Morton Reisman
1966	The Mikado (Gilbert & Sullivan)	Morton Reisman
1967	The Magic Flute (Mozart)	Morton Reisman
1968	The Seven Golden Buttons (Ira & Judith Eisenstein)	Brina Rodin
1969	Danny Angel in Mission Incredible (Alex North)	Aviva Crane
1970	To Wake a King (Harry Coopersmith)	Brina Rodin
1971	The King & I (Rodgers & Hammerstein)	Dorothy Meyers
1972	South Pacific (Rodgers & Hammerstein)	Dorothy Meyers
1973	Fiddler on the Roof (Jerry Bock)	Dorothy Meyers
1974	The Mikado (Gilbert & Sullivan)	Dorothy Meyers
1975	Oliver! (Lionel Bart)	Fred Nathan
1976	To Be Free (Daniel Kahn)	Daniel Kahn
1977	The Sound of Music (Rodgers & Hammerstein)	Tom Mula
1978	Annie Get Your Gun (Irving Berlin)	Deborah Martello
1979	Oklahoma! (Rodgers & Hammerstein)	Marvin Richardson
1980	Brigadoon (Frederick Loewe)	Pearl & Sulie Harand
1981	My Fair Wizard of Oz (Arlen & Stolhart)	Pearl & Sulie Harand
1982	Fiorello (Jerry Bock)	Pearl & Sulie Harand
1983	Of Thee I Sing (Gershwin)	Pearl & Sulie Harand
1984	Guys & Dolls (Frank Loesser)	Pearl & Sulie Harand
1985	South Pacific (Rodgers & Hammerstein)	Pearl & Sulie Harand
1986	The King & I (Rodgers & Hammerstein)	Pearl & Sulie Harand
1987	Pippin (Stephen Schwartz)	Dorothy Meyers
1988	The Music Man (Meredith Willson)	Robb Zelonky
1989	The Wiz (Charlie Smalls)	Robb Zelonky

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1990	Once Upon a Mattress (Mary Rodgers)	Leeza Watstein
1991	West Side Story	Jeff Dudek
	(Leonard Bernstein & Stephen Sondheim)	
1992	Grease (Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey)	Jeff Dudek & Andrea Toshir
1993	Oliver! (Lionel Bart)	Manon Gustafeste & Charki Dunn
1994	Bye Bye Birdie (Adams, Stewart, Strouse)	Manon Spadaro
1995	Guys & Dolls (Frank Loesser)	Manon Spadaro
1996	Fiddler on the Roof (Jerry Bock)	David B. Cohen
1997	The Music Man (Meredith Willson)	David B. Cohen
1998	The King & I (Rodgers & Hammerstein)	Mary Launder
1999	West Side Story	Mary Launder
	(Leonard Bernstein & Stephen Sondheim)	
2000	Into The Woods	Reece Livingstone
	(James Lapine & Stephen Sondheim)	
2001	Pippin (Stephen Schwartz)	Reece Livingstone
2002	Flower Drum Song (Rodgers & Hammerstein)	Reece Livingstone
2003	Kiss Me, Kate (Cole Porter, Sam & Bella Spewack)	Reece Livingstone
	(Cole Porter, Sam & Bella Spewack)	
2004	The Mikado (Gilbert & Sullivan)	Reece Livingstone
2005	Annie Get Your Gun Irving Berlin, Peter Stone)	Reece Livingstone
2006	Oliver! (Lionel Bart)	Abigail Leigh Huss
2007	The Wizard of Oz (Arlen, Harburg, Stolhart, Kane)	Abigail Leigh Huss
2008	High School Musical (Simpatico, Louiselle, Gerrard,	Abigail Leigh Huss
	Nevil, Cham, Seeley, Peterson, Quinn, Dodd,	
	Watts, Lawrence, Greenberg, Houston, Barsocchini)	
2009	Bye Bye Birdie (Adams, Stewart, Strouse)	Abigail Leigh Huss
2010	Willy Wonka (Bricousse, Newley, McDonald)	Abigail Leigh Huss
2011	Annie (Charnin, Meehan, Strouse)	Abigail Leigh Murphy
2012	The Music Man (Meredith Willson)	Mary Launder
2013	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor	Mary Launder
	Dreamcoat (Tim Rice, Andrew Lloyd Webber)	-
2014	The Pirates of Penzance (Gilbert & Sullivan)	Colette Nakielski

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Mazel Tov on a fantastic performance of The Pirates and the Penzance!