Boise Little Theater and Boise Parks & Present the 9th Annual Youth Summer Musical

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DIRECTED BY Cheryl Blauer with MUSICAL DIRECTION BY Linda Berg and CHOREOGRAPHY BY Clay Lee and Stephanie Hinton

> July 17, 18, 19, 24 & 25 @ 7pm July 20 & 26 @ 2pm

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The Pirates of Penzance, Jr. Synopsis

Apprenticed as a child to a band of tenderhearted, orphaned pirates, Frederic completes his 21st year of his indentures and decides to return to respectable society. He meets, Mabel, the youngest of General Stanley's daughters, and falls in love.

But by a twist of fate, it turns out that he was born on February 29 in leap year, and he remains apprenticed to the pirates until his 21st birthday.

By the end of the opera, the pirates, a Major General who knows nothing of military strategy, his large family of beautiful but unwed daughters, and the timid constabulary all contribute to a cacophony that can be silenced only by Queen Victoria's name.

Act One: Pirate ship at dock and sandy seashore.

15 Minute Intermission

Act Two: Castle ruins between sandy shore and the Stanley home.

Cheryl Blauer, Director

I was happy to have the opportunity to try out the roll of director and to tell the truth, I do not envy any of you directors. I have the most wonderful and supporting cast for this show and one of the greatest crews. They have all worked extremely hard. Previously I was Assistant Director for "Grease" and "Too Soon for Daisy's". Costume Design has been my main focus for many years, including but not limited to "The Unsinkable Molly Brown", "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever", "Little Women", Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" and "HMS Pinafore" to name a few. Thanks to my family and friends for their support in all I do. I love you all!!

Linda E. Berg, Musical Director

Linda Eustice Berg is a music educator specializing in working with children's voices. Holding a Bachelor of Music Education Degree and a Master of Music Degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Wisconsin – Madison, she is a respected clinician and adjudicator, traveling frequently to adjudicate festivals and competitions and to present children's chorus clinics. She is the founder and director of the Capital City Children's Chorus Program. After 20 years of teaching in the Meridian School District, Mrs. Berg now teaches in the Boise School District. She has served as Music Director for various Boise Music Week productions. Linda is the wife of Dr. Lynn Berg, professor of music at Boise State University. She is also a mother of two grown children and an extremely proud grandmother.

Lead Characters

Rebecca Soelberg – (Mabel Stanley) – Rebecca has been singing since before she could talk. She enjoys acting and theater. Her past shows include "Pirates of Penzance" as Mabel, "Beauty and the Beast" as a Silly Girl, "Into the Woods" as the Baker's wife, and "HMS Pinafore" as Josephine.

Eric Spengler – (Frederic) – Eric is thrilled to be back for his fourth season at BLT. His other credits include plays with Boise Music Week, Starlight Mountain Theater, and Opera Idaho. Eric is a senior at Borah High School and plans to major in the arts when he graduates. Eric wishes to thank his family for all their support!

Max Holley – (Pirate King) – Max Holley will be enjoying his junior year in the W.S.P. drama club at Boise High this fall. Max hopes to go to college to major in either musical theater or theatrical costuming. Max absolutely loves being in this show and meeting all the wonderful people.

India Allen – (Ruth) – India is thrilled to be back on the BLT stage in Pirates of Penzance, Jr. She's been studying classical voice with Linda Berg for the past few years and has been involved with Boise Little Theater for as long as she can remember. She thanks her mother for driving her to rehearsal.

Michael Givens – (Samuel) – Michael graduated high school this past spring and is now on his way to pursuing a Technical Theater Degree starting this fall. Some of his past shows at BLT were "Grease" as Sonny and "Barnum" as the ring master. He was also recently seen in the performance of "Fame".

Landon Soelberg (Major-General Stanley) – Landon played the Major-General in "Pirates of Penzance" and the Captain in "HMS Pinafore" with Capital City Children's Chorus. He also played Chip in Boise Music Week's production of "Disney's Beauty and the Beast."

Mason Wordell – (Sergeant) – I am currently attending Centennial High School and will be going into 10th grade. I am going to be in orchestra, AP and honors classes, and the acting group at Centennial. Playing the piano is part of my life. I don't know who I would be or where I would be without my friends and family.

Jane Bingham – (Queen Victoria) – Jane is in the 8th grade at Sacred Heart Catholic School. She lends her gift of song to the Capital City Children's Chorus and the Children's Choir at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. In her spare time, she loves listening to music or curling up with a good book.

The Pirates

Joe Davidson – (Roberts) – Joe likes being a pirate. He enjoys acting. He was Thoreau in BHS production of "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail." He plays music and is in a band. He writes a lot. He makes films. He also likes long walks on the beach...

Nigel Dean – (Tweak) – Nigel Dean is 13. He is in a band and loves to chill with his friends. Nigel last was on the stage at BLT in the summer performance of "The Unsinkable Molly Brown".

Sean Magnusson – (Shamus) – Sean enjoys doing theater (obviously) and Pirates of Penzance, Jr. would be his 5th production at BLT. Previously he appeared in "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever", "Big, The Musical", The Unsinkable Molly Brown" and "Grease".

Woody Minshew - (Boniface "Bo" Lorella) - I am entering the seventh grade and loving every minute of it. I am proud to say this is my fifth musical production and it is turning out to be one of the best.

Kody Nielson – (Nicholas Armani) – I'm 13, and I love acting and fishing. I'm going to be in the 8th grade. I love being in front of people and I love being apart of this play.

Matt Owen – (Benson Winiford) – Matt Owen has a nice exterior. He is a spicy comic book collector. He loves working on his grandfather's farm. His favorite thing is hanging out with his sister in the military.

The Stanley Daughters

Emily Adams – (Iris Stanley) – Emily is enraptured by the theater arts and simply adores singing. She is fascinated by bubbles, dancers and people. She is always up for vacation and her favorite quote is: "the sweet just isn't as sweet without the sour."



Shirley Anne Blauer – (Lauren Stanley) – I have been in many shows at BLT. I have also performed with Boise Music Week. I enjoy singing with Capital City Children's Chorus and was recently Sir Joseph in their production of "HMS Pinafore". I enjoy hanging out with my Grandpa!

Stanley Daughters, Continued

Reilly Cronyn – (Rose Elizabeth Stanley) – I was born in Bellevue, Washington. My favorite things to do are ride horses, ski, sing and go to school. I moved to Idaho when I was two. Next year, I'll be in sixth grade. Also, I pulled straight A's in fifth grade!!

Gwen DeLaney – (Guinevere Stanley) – Gwen enjoys climbing trees and reading books in her free time. Usually she spends her days singing and reading. She is very interested in her heritage of Ireland.

Betsy Ellsworth – (Olive Stanley) – Betsy has been in many plays including Boise Little Theater's production of "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" and Boise Music Week's "Beauty and the Beast." She has also started doing backstage work at her high school where she was the assistant stage manager in Timberline's "12th Night".

Sarah Hone – (Isabella Stanley) – Hey, I'm Sarah Hone and I'm a junior at Boise High School. I was born here in Boise, and I grew up loving theater, dancing and sports. I love theater because it gives you the ability to express yourself and I have had many great experiences in this wonderful art. The cast ends up becoming like a family and the friendships made here last a life time.

Hannah Howard – (Grace Stanley) – I'll be entering my sophomore year in the fall and am very excited. I love musical theater, and also like to write in my spare time. Thank you to my family for all their support.

Katelyn Hutchinson – (Abbigail Stanley) – This is Katelyn's first production with BLT. She enjoys singing and playing the piano. She's 15 and will be a sophomore at Boise High School.

Kelsey Nelson – (Penelope Stanley) – Kelsey is 15 years old and is going to be a sophomore at Borah High School. She has done several plays, including last year's production of "Grease" and Capital City Children's Chorus production of "HMS Pinafore" (Buttercup).



Hana Watson – (Meg Stanley) – Hana ran away from her country home in Montana to pursue her dream of being a Broadway star. Unfortunately, she only made it as far as Boise, Idaho. She'll be taking donations for the rest of the way to New York in the lobby after the show.

Police Force

Emily Carson – (Officer Lyla LaBeouf) – Emily is a dancer who loves to sing and act. Emily appeared in last summer's production of "Grease".

Castilleja Kuzis – (Officer Castilleja Lu) – I am currently attending ANSER Charter School. Acting, singing and friends are the most important things in my life. I am in the YMCA's service club and try to be actively involved in my community.

Shelly Cook – (Officer Sam) – Shelly is 14 years old and attending Mt. View next year. She has been in other plays including "Pirates of Penzance" and "HMS Pinafore". She likes pottery and is the 2nd youngest in a family of 8.

Ashley Crawford - (Officer Sarah) - I would like to thank my parents for signing me up for the play.

Kendra Doty – (Officer Charlie) – Kendra is attending Centennial High School as a sophomore. She has been acting for almost five years now. She is actively involved with debate and also plays volleyball.

Sammi Hansen – (Officer Enry K. Waddlesworth) – Sammi has just finished her sophomore year at Boise High where she just lettered in theater. She enjoys theater and goofing off on the internet. She would like to thank her parents for driving her to rehearsal, her Grannie for inspiring me and Mr. Eshelman for teaching me so much. Love y'all.

Anna McCarthy - (Officer Cora) - I'd like to thank my parents for signing me up for this play and for taking me to practice every week.

Sarah McDonagh – (Officer Florence Smith) – Sarah will be a 7th grader at Lowell Scott this year. She enjoys ballet and acting. She is so happy to be in "Pirates of Penzance, Jr." and is glad she had this opportunity.

Hannah Minshew – (Officer Stella Lorella) – I am 14 years old and I will attend Eagle High as a freshman. I play softball and volleyball and in the winter you can find me on the ski slopes. I enjoy being in theater productions and making new friends.

Skylar S. Morris – (Officer Saillar) – Skylar was in "Oliver" with MTI. She hates doing the dishes. She has a 14 month little brother named Sawyer. She has a funny mom and a talented dad.

Police Force, Continued

Jasmine Oakes – (Officer Amelia) – Jasmine is a theater loving 13 year old who attended East Junior High. Some of her past shows include "Pied Piper", "Castaways" and "Wizard of Oz".

Sophia Rupp – (Officer Phillipe) Sophia is an energetic 13 year old. She attends South Jr. High. She has graced the stage at BLT previously as a clown in "Barnum". She has also been in shows with her church and school.



Kevin Kimsey

Jake Koeppl

Connie BeHee

And all of the parents of the cast!

The Cast

Director

Assistant DirectorWendy KoepMusical DirectorLinda BergChoreographerClay LeeChoreographerStephanie HiAssistant ChoreographerAlyssa JonesStage ManagerCricket LangSet DesignCricket LangSet Construction CrewJim Anderson

Set Painting Crew

Light Design Light Board Operator Spotlight Operator Sound Board Operator Costume Design Costume Assistants Make-up Wigs Program Director Pianists Stage Hands



Cheryl Blauer Wendy Koeppl Linda Berg Clay Lee Stephanie Hinton Cricket Langworthy Cricket Langworthy lim Anderson, lim Koeppl, John Myers, Daren Blauer Marsha McFarland, Kayla Makabe, Karen Makabe, Amy Keithley Jim Lambert Tucker Nelson John Regnier Jay Parker **Cheryl Blauer** Janet Bryant and Max Holley Jeannine Howard Tena Martinez Autumn Kersey Sue Walch and Liz Noland Carlie Dean and Jane Bingham



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