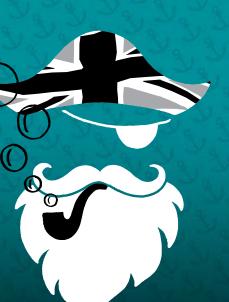




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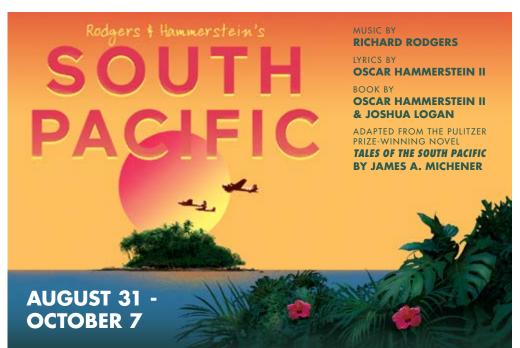


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DIRECTED AND ADAPTED BY SEAN GRANEY

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE CO-ADAPTED BY KEVIN O'DONNELL

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THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE and H.M.S. PINAFORE

by **Gilbert** and **Sullivan** in Rotating Repertory

Adapted by
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The Pirates of Penzance Co-Adapted by

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H.M.S. Pinafore Co-adapted by

Andra Velis Simon

and Matt Kahler

featuring

Mario Aivazian Eduardo Xavier Curley-Carillo Matt Kahler Tina Muñoz Pandya Dana Saleh Omar Shawn Pfautsch Steven Romero Schaeffer Leslie Ann Sheppard Lauren Vogel Aja Wiltshire

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The Pirates of Penzance and H.M.S. Pinafore are directed by The Hypocrites Artistic Director

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MATT KAHLER*
SHAWN PFAUTSCH*
STEVEN ROMERO SCHAEFFER
EDUARDO XAVIER CURLEY-CARRILLO
LAUREN VOGEL
DANA SALEH OMAR
LESLIE ANN SHEPPARD*
TINA MUÑOZ PANDYA^
AJA WILTSHIRE

CAST OF H.M.S. PINAFORE

Buttercup	MATT KAHLER*
	SHAWN PFAUTSCH*
Joseph	MARIO AIVAZIAN
Capt Cat/Billi	TINA MUÑOZ PANDYA^
Kev'n	EDUARDO XAVIER CURLEY-CARRILLO
Kinfolk	STEVEN ROMERO SCHAEFFER
Ralphina	DANA SALEH OMAR
Dame JoAnne	LAUREN VOGEL
Tiffini	LESLIE ANN SHEPPARD*
Dot/Sailor	AJA WILTSHIRE

Production Stage Manager - MIRANDA ANDERSON*

*Member, Actors' Equity Association Former National Player

UNDERSTUDIES FOR THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

Major General - SHAWN PFAUTSCH*; Pirate King - TINA MUÑOZ PANDYA^; Freddy - STEVEN ROMERO SCHAEFFER; Ruth/Mabel - LAUREN VOGEL

UNDERSTUDIES FOR H.M.S. PINAFORE

Buttercup - SHAWN PFAUTSCH*; Ralphina - TINA MUÑOZ PANDYA^; Heebies - EDUARDO XAVIER CURLEY-CARRILLO

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Mario Aivazian is an American actor and singer. Thrilled to be playing with The Hypocrites in Olney this summer, he has also been seen in *The Pirates of Penzance* at Berkeley Rep (The Hypocrites), and aboard the Tall Ship Windy (EDGE Collective). In Chicago, he does work with numerous professional storefront theatres and amateur light opera societies, where he currently resides.



Eduardo Xavier Curley-Carillo Eduardo's Hypocrites' debut excites him beyond words. An October addition to the Chicago theater and May 2015 graduate from college, he has been incredibly lucky to cross paths with some of the most talented, generous, and kind people in this great city. Chicago credits include the Lyric Opera (*La Cenerentola, Bel Canto*), Remy Bumppo (*The Life of Galileo*), Cat's Cradle (*Rosencrantz & Guildenstern*), Chicago Dramatists (99% Walden). At Illinois State University, credits include Selkie: Between Land and Sea, Water by the Spoonful, and Stop Kiss. National Theater Institute credits include The White City,

Blessings, and Exfoliation. On-camera credits include Bel Canto (PBS), Love Inside My Heart (JV Studios), and Little League (Alonzo Alcaraz). This new adventure with The Hypocrites has been a delight and he is ecstatic to be part of this family.



Matt Kahler is pleased to return to Olney Theatre Center. He has performed with The Hypocrites' G&S rep at the American Repertory Theatre, Actors Theatre of Louisville, and the Berkeley Repertory Theatre. He recently co-adapted *The Yeoman of the Guard* for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, where he also served as Associate Music Director. Chicago credits include: Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Victory Gardens, The Hypocrites, and Strange Tree (*The Three Faces of Dr Crippen* - Best Overall Play, 2014 New York International Fringe Festival) Television: *Chicago PD.* Matt is one of the Co-Adapters of *H.M.S Pinafore*.



Tina Muñoz Pandya is so excited to be back at OTC, where she was last seen in The Hypocrites' *Pirates* and *Mikado* two years ago. Prior to that she was a National Player, performing in *A Midsummer Night's Dream, Julius Caesar*, and *A Tale of Two Cities* all over the country. A Silver Spring native, Tina is currently based out of Chicago, where her stage credits include *The Aristophanesathon* (The Hypocrites); *The Rembrandt* (Steppenwolf Theatre); *The Great and Terrible Wizard of Oz* (The House Theatre of Chicago); *The Tall Girls* (Shattered Globe Theatre); and *Octagon* (Jackalope Theatre). Tina has also performed in The Hypocrites' *Pirates* at the Pasadena Playhouse

and the NYU Skirball Center. She is really looking forward to spending the summer at home and is always grateful for the opportunity to be silly and make music with this incredible group of weirdos!



Dana Saleh Omar is excited to be back at Olney Theatre. Omar's recent credits include Amadeus at Theatreworks, *Pirates of Penzance* at the Pasadena Playhouse and NYU Skirball Center, *Gilbert and Sullivan Unplugged* at 54 Below, *Kitty Hawk* at the Adrienne Arsht Center in collaboration with The House, *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*at People's Light Theatre, *One Hundred Dresses* at Chicago Children's Theatre, *The Mikado* and *Pirates of Penzance* in Rep at Olney Theatre, *H.M.S. Pinafore* at American Repertory Theatre and Actors Theatre of Louisville, *The Mikado* with The Hypocrites at American Repertory Theatre, *Pirates of Penzance*

at American Repertory Theatre, All Our Tragic with The Hypocrites, Cabaret with The Hypocrites and was recently on "Chicago P.D." on NBC. Thanks to friends, family and bubs for the support.



Shawn Pfautsch is only too happy to return to Olney where he was last seen as the Pirate King in *Pirates of Penzance* and Andy-Poo/Katisha in *The Mikado* (Helen Hayes nomination). An original cast member of The Hypocrites Gilbert & Sullivan Rep, he has performed around the country from Chicago to Pasadena, New York to Louisville, and Boston to Berkeley. He has also been seen on stage at: The House Theatre of Chicago (*Death & Harry Houdini, Cyrano*); Steppenwolf Theatre (*Theatrical Essays*); Chicago Children's Theatre (*A Year with Frog and Toad, Frederick*); and the Michigan Shakespeare Festival (*Hamlet, Henry IV, The Seagull*).



Steven Romero Schaeffer is humbly jazzed to be in his first few shows with the Hypocrites. Based in Chicago, Steven has appeared in *The People's History of the United States* (Quest Theatre Ensemble), *Hair* (Metropolis Center for the Arts), *Altar Boyz* (Theo Ubique), and *Big River* at Theatre at the Center. Touring Credits include *Pump Boys and Dinettes* (Troupe America National Tour) and *The Golden Goose/ There Once was a Longhouse* (Finger Lakes MTF: Youth Tour) and *Frindle* (Griffin Theatre). Steven is a proud BFA in Acting graduate from the University of South Dakota and is represented by Gray Talent Group.

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Leslie Ann Sheppard is jazzed to play at the Olney Theatre Center! Regional theatre credits include: The Legend of Georgia McBride, Eclipsed (Northlight Theatre), As You Like It (First Folio Theatre), Cinderella (the Hypocrites), Mr. Burns: A Post-electric Play (Theater Wit), The Hundred Dresses (Chicago Children's Theatre), Tree, Lost Boys of Sudan (Victory Gardens), Harriet Jacobs (Steppenwolf), House with No Walls (TimeLine), Fall of the House (Theatre Squared), Othello's Furies (Chicago Fringe Festival), and Gershwin's Magic Key (Kennedy Center). TV credits: "Chicago Fire" and "Mob Doctor". She is represented by Gray Talent Group. Thanks to God, Fam. and Friends!



Lauren Vogel has the head of an actress and the body of a multi-instrumentalist. She is happy to return to Olney after performing in Pirates/Mikado in 2016. Regional Credits: Feinstein's/54 Below NYC, American Repertory Theatre, Actors Theatre of Louisville, The Pasadena Playhouse, Florida Studio Theatre. Lauren currently lives in Chicago and is an ensemble member with The Hypocrites. Chicago credits: American Blues Theatre, A Red Orchid Theatre, Steppenwolf Garage, Trap Door Theatre, American Theatre Company's Core Series, Chicago Children's Theatre. Lauren is currently starring as Woods in Chicago H.R., a comedy web series on Youtube produced by The Second City TC. Come join the promenade. You can follow her on instagram@laurenkvogel.



Aja Wiltshire is so excited to be joining this super cool team for Pinafore and Pirates for the first time! Chicago credits include Aristophanesathon, Cinderella (Hypocrites), Merrily We Roll Along (Porchlight Music Theatre), Little Fish (Kokandy Productions), Hookman (Steep Theatre), Spring Awakening (Griffin Theatre), Closer, Next Fall, and The Lyons (AstonRep Theatre), Pride and Prejudice (Adapt Theatre), and The Wedding Singer (Haven Theatre). Aja is represented by Stewart Talent.

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Sean Graney (Adapter & Director/The Hypocrites Artistic Director) Sean Graney is happy to return to Olney. Thank you for spending your time and money on live theater. Currently Sean is the Artistic Director of The Hypocrites. In 2013, he was a Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute at Harvard University. Also, he's a Creative Capital Awardee, has been granted the Helen Coburn Meier and Tim Meier Arts Achievement Award, and a participant in the NEA/TCG Career Development Program for Directors Program Participant. Selective directing credits: American Repertory Theater, Actors' Theatre of Louisville, Berkeley Rep, Chicago Shakespeare, Goodman Theatre, Shakespeare Festival St. Louis, Court Theatre, Milwaukee Rep, Steppenwolf for Young Audiences, Chicago Children's Theatre and Oreaon Shakespeare Festival.

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The Hypocrites was created in 1997 by Artistic Director Sean Graney. The Hypocrites specializes in mounting bold productions that challenge preconceptions and redefining the role of the audience, having produced over sixty mainstage productions, a dozen festival pieces, and has secured thirty-one Non-Equity Joseph Jefferson awards, six Equity Joseph Jefferson awards and two After Dark Awards. The company's work has appeared at American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.), Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Olney Theater Center. Steppenwolf Garage, Goodman Theatre, and Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art.

Miranda Anderson (Stage Manager) is excited to be back at Olney Theater Center with another Gilbert and Sullivan Rep having been with these shows since the very first *Pirates of Penzance* in Chicago in 2010. Regional credits include touring as Production Stage Manager with the Hypocrites' Gilbert and Sullivan shows to Pasadena Playhouse, NYU Skirball Center, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, Actors Theatre of Louisville and American Repertory Theatre in Boston. In Chicago, she works as a freelance Stage Manager around town. Other favorite credits with the Hypocrites include the 2014 production and 2015 remount of *All Our Tragic*. Miranda is a proud member of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers.

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Tom Burch (Scenic Designer) is very pleased to return to Olney, following *Pirates/Mikado* two years ago. Other shows with The Hypocrites include the recent *Aristophanesathon, All Our Tragic, No Exit, These Seven Sicknesses*, and the G&Ses that have toured to NYC, Louisville, San Francisco, LA, and other parts. Other Chicago credits include shows with The Goodman, Chicago Shakespeare, Court, Northlight, Victory Gardens, and many others. He designed the off-Broadway production of *Mistakes Were Made* at the Barrow Street Theatre (NYC), and regionally at places like Milwaukee Rep, Arizona Theatre Co, Actors Theatre Louisville, Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, and many others. He received a Jeff Award (5 nominations) for his design work in Chicago, and currently teaches at UNC-Charlotte. Upcoming projects include shows at Magik Theatre (San Antonio), Burning Coal (Raleigh), Children's Theatre of Charlotte, and Strawdog Theatre (Chicago).

Heather Gilbert (Lighting Designer) has designed The Hypocrites' productions of *The Pirates of Penzance* (with Jared Moore), *The Mikado, H.M.S. Pinafore, Into the Woods, Cabaret,* and *Our Town.* Her work as a lighting designer has been seen on many other Chicago stages including the Goodman Theatre, Court Theatre, Steep Theatre, Victory Gardens Theatre, Remy Bumppo, Chicago Children's Theatre, Writers' Theatre, TimeLine Theatre, About Face Theatre, and countless storefronts all over the city. Her regional credits include Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Studio Theatre, American Repertory Theater, Kansas City Rep, Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Huntington Theatre, Williamstown Theatre Festival, Alley Theatre, Berkeley Rep, and Actors Theatre of Louisville. International credits include the Almeida in London and the Singapore Repertory Theatre. Heather was a recipient of the NEA/TCG Career Development Grant and the 3Arts Award. Heather serves as the head of lighting design at Columbia College Chicago, and received her MFA at the Theatre School at DePaul.

Kevin O'Donnell (Sound Designer, Co-Adapter of *Pirates*) is happy to be working with The Hypocrites and very pleased to be at Olney Theatre Center. In Chicago, his work for theatre has received 10 Jeff Awards (20 nominations). CHICAGO CREDITS: Steppenwolf, Chicago Shakespeare, The Next, Northlight, Lookingglass, The House, The Court, and more. REGIONALLY: The Seattle Rep, The Berkeley Rep, Actors Theatre, ART (Cambridge), and A.C.T. (San Francisco); NEW ORLEANS: The Southern Rep, Le Petit Theatre, New Orleans Shakespeare Festival; New York: Signature Theatre, St Anne's, 59E59, Cherry Lane. He is also a drummer.

Alison Siple (Costume Designer) Recent projects include *The Magic Play* (Syracuse Stage, Portland Center Stage, Olney). Lost Laughs (Merrimack Repertory), You Got Older (Steppenwolf), *In The Next Room* (Timeline Theatre Company); *Angels in America, Airness* and *The 39 Steps* (Actors Theatre of Louisville); *Earthquakes in London, Motortown* (Steep Theatre); *The Yeomen of the Guard* (Oregon Shakespeare Festval); *Our Town* (Almeida Theatre, Kansas City Repertory, Huntington, Broad Stage, Barrow Street Theatre, The Hypocrites); *All Our Tragic, Pirates of Penzance, The Mikado, HMS Pinafore,* (The Hypocrites). Upcoming projects: *Guards at the Taj* (Milwaukee Repertory). She is a graduate of Northwestern University, a community member of The Hypocrites, an artistic associate with Lookingglass and an associate company member of Steep Theatre. alisonsiple.com

Andra Velis Simon (Music Director, Co-Adapter of *Pinafore*) is thrilled to return to Olney Theatre Center. In addition to music directing *Pirates of Penzance* and *Mikado* with The Hypocrites here in 2016, she also played piano and conducted *My Fair Lady* last summer. Her work as a music director, adapter, arranger, pianist and vocal coach has been seen regionally at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, A.R.T. in Cambridge, Brooklyn Academy of Music, NYU's Skirball Center, Actors Theatre of Louisville, Pasadena Playhouse, and Berkeley Rep. In Chicago, she has worked with The Goodman Theatre, The Hypocrites, Theater Wit, Chicago Children's Theatre, Firebrand Theatre (where she serves as Resident Music Director), and many others. From 2008-2016, Andra served as the staff Music Director for the Theatre Department at Columbia College Chicago, where she continues to teach musical theatre performance. www.AndraVelisSimon.com

Jason Loewith (Olney Theatre Center Artistic Director) grew up in Fairfield, Connecticut, and on weekends he took the train to New York with his family to see shows. His dad was the comptroller of a Formica manufacturing company, and his mom was the first woman in the state to be president of a conservative synagogue. After her parents became ill, she took over their dress shop in a now sadly derelict part of Bridgeport. Jason particularly enjoyed hiding in the poufy dresses on the rack, and selling costume jewelry during the store's annual sidewalk sale. He inherited his father's love of numbers, working part-time as a bank teller, and leading Math Team in high school and as a bookkeeper for various nonprofit organizations as an adult. From his mother he inherited a dedication to Jewish causes, joining the international Board of United Synagogue Youth and working at the Jewish Home for the Aged during high school, and serving as chair of Brown University's Committee for Soviet Jewry as an undergraduate. Jason seriously considered studying to become a rabbi, but the theater intervened, taking him to Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, New York City, Chicago, and finally the Washington, DC region, where he's been for eight years. Jason has directed some 30 plays, written a handful, managed

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or produced hundreds, and done just about every other job there is to do in a theater-all of which has helped him learn the value of a dollar, the importance of honesty, and the fact that you do not put a silk suit in either the washing machine or the dryer. On days off, Jason loves to cook (ask him how he learned to make bouillabaisse), hang out with his twelve nieces and nephews, play Civilization, bike and jog (just don't ask the last time he did either), vacation in faraway places, and listen to music written between 1950 and 1986. He volunteers for local and national arts organizations, and has just begun volunteering for a youth mentoring organization in DC. He lives on Capitol Hill with his partner Ned and their dog Mortimer in a teeny but charming Victorian row house that is majority-owned by Citibank. Jason has been the Artistic Director of Olney Theatre Center since 2013.

Debbie Ellinghaus (Managing Director) was born in Washington, DC. Her mother was a Montgomery County Public School math teacher and her dad was a college professor. She can trace her mother's family back to the 1500's when they were ousted from Spain because they were Jewish. Other family ancestry connects her to Eastern Europe. In 1976, her parents moved to Columbia, MD, where she was raised in the "new planned city" built to encourage racial, ethnic and religious harmony in a suburban utopia. Debbie, the eldest of two, did not inherit her dad's speed on the football field, her mom's quick serve on the tennis court, or her sister's strength in the swimming pool; instead she found her feet in the theater, thanks in large part to her grandmother, who took her to see Annie at the Kennedy Center in 1978. But also thanks to her parents, who spent Sunday mornings listening to Broadway show-tunes on the record player before turning on the football game. Despite her suburban upbringing, Debbie longed for the city life. So, upon graduating from the University of Maryland, she moved to New York. In the Big Apple she had many jobs and met many interesting people, including Andrew, whom she married. After getting hitched, they moved to New Haven, Connecticut, where they had their kids, Madeline and Griffin, and spent some years enjoying life in New England. Career and family twists and turns eventually brought them to Howard County where they now live in an old farmhouse with a backyard view of a cornfield. Debbie volunteers in the community where she lives: as chair of the Downtown Columbia Arts and Culture Commission; and in the community where she works: as a member of the Board of Medstar Montgomery Medical Center and the Olney Chamber of Commerce. She's frequently found applauding loudly for her daughter, who's got the "performing bug"; cheering wildly for her son at track meets; grooving to her husband's music (he's a drummer in a band); and spoiling her dog, a 75 lb pit-bull rescue. In her down-time she likes to run, swing kettlebells, and do the occasional yoga from the privacy of her own home. Also, thanks to her kids' interests, she's attempting to learn to bake and build cities with legos. She's been employed since age 12 when she had a paper route; thankfully, gigs at universities and non-profit organizations followed. She's been Managing Director of Olney Theatre Center since August 2014.



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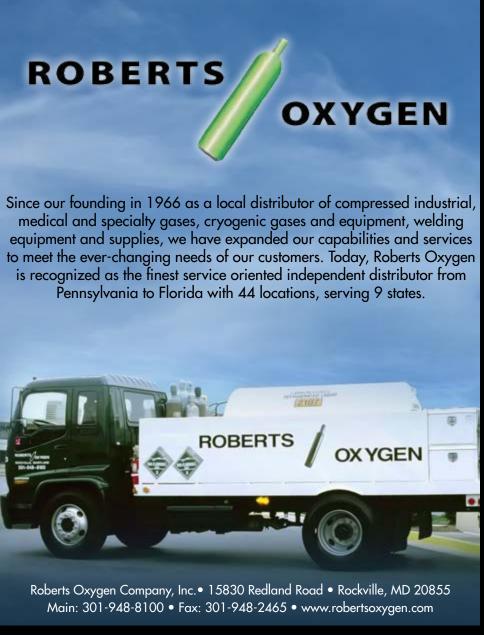
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