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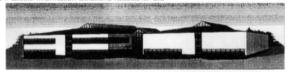
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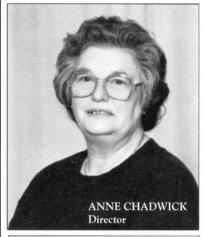
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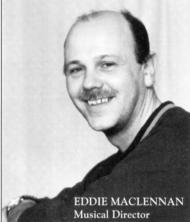
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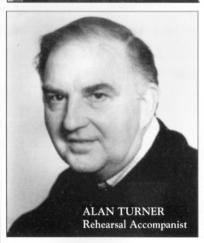
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#### The Mikado or The Town of Titipu

by W.S. Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan

#### Previous Productions

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- 1972 The Yeomen of the Guard
- 1973 The Gondoliers
- 1974 Trial by Jury
  The Pirates of Penzance
- 1975 Iolanthe
- 1976 The Sorcerer
- 1977 Annie Protheroe H.M.S. Pinafore
- 1978 The Mikado
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- 1988 The Gondoliers
- 1989 The Pirates of Penzance
- 1990 The Sorcerer
- 1991 H.M.S. Pinafore
- 1992 Princess Ida
- 1993 The Yeomen of the Guard
- 1994 Die Fledermaus

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Our 1996 production will be

THE MERRY WIDOW February, 1996 in this theatre

#### Honorary President's Message

"As President of the Society, I welcome you to this production of 'THE MIKADO'. – the most popular of the Savoy series with every tune known and whistled down the ages. The Gilbert wit of 'westerners playing easterners' makes it a perfect satire of British Humour. It is interesting to note that when Puccini saw a performance of THE MIKADO he composed shortly afterwards in 1904 MADAME BUTTERFLY, with the entracte before Act III including snippets of Mi Ya Sama.

Enjoy yourselves, as I'm sure you will with the high standards set by this Society. Thank you for your support.

**Donald Adams** 

#### Honorary Vice President's Message

It gives me great pleasure to address you on the occasion of your 25th Anniversary. That you should have selected 'The Mikado' as your production to celebrate this milestone must surely guarantee a very successful production, it being THE most popular and most often performed of all the Gilbert and Sullivan works.

Once again you have stolen a march on the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company who are currently touring 'Die Fledermaus', last year's success, and who will tour 'The Mikado' next Autumn.

I look forward very much to seeing this year's production, and wish you a happy and successful show.

Frances McCafferty

#### Chairman's Message

Some time in February, 1970 a group of seven people sat around a dining-room table and took the first steps in the formation of Dunfermline Gilbert and Sullivan Society. Later that year in May a public meeting saw the formal birth of the Society and in the following February, as the facsimile of the first programme shows, our first production burst upon the Dunfermline musical scene.

This then is our Silver Jubilee year – a year marked by many activities which will culminate in our celebration dinner on 13th May, 1995.

But all that is, in a sense, unimportant. It is tonight's performance which concerns us, audience and players alike. We want you to sit back, to forget the everyday world outside and let yourself be entertained by fine music, good singing, old jokes retold with new gusto and a fresh twist, all the things which go to make up an evening with these two remarkable men, Gilbert and Sullivan.

Bill Tulloch

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#### Synopsis

The Mikado of Japan, who has a deep interest in the law and is endeavouring to make the punishment fit the crime, has decided that the only capital offence is flirting. This results in the flight from court of his own son when Katisha, an elderly gentlewoman, misunderstands the Prince's politeness and decides she is betrothed to him.

During his wanderings and disguised as Nanki-Poo, second trombone in the Titipu Town Band, he falls in love with Yum-Yum, the delectable ward of Ko-Ko, a cheap tailor. But Ko-Ko, having himself fallen foul of the same law and after being condemned to death, was raised to the exalted rank of Lord High Executioner, as the canny citizens of Titipu realised that he could not behead anyone else until he had beheaded himself.

Ko-Ko, with the help of Pooh-Bah, the Lord High Everything Else, is now happily planning his wedding to Yum-Yum. The Mikado, however, likes to keep a fatherly eye on his dominions and when his intention of visiting Titipu is announced, an execution becomes an urgent necessity. Nanki-Poo, who finds life without Yum-Yum quite insupportable, is persuaded to become the central figure in the ceremony but, in return, he demands one month of wedded bliss. Even this is not a solution to the problem and when the conspirators attempt to bend the Mikado's laws, they find themselves even more deeply in trouble with the revelation of Nanki-Poo's royal identity.

In comic opera the course of true love must in the end be made smooth and with Yum-Yum and Nanki-Poo united, Ko-Ko and Katisha make the best of it by marrying each other. And, as the Mikado benevolently says, 'Nothing could possibly be more satisfactory!'



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#### Characters

The Mikado

the Emperor of Japan

Sid Jane

Nanki-Poo

His son

Andrew Sim

Ko-Ko

Lord High Executioner of Japan

Robin Ożóg

Pooh-Bah

Lord High Everything Else

Jim Etheridge

Pish-Tush

a Noble Lord

1577

Roger Clifton
Jacqueline Kerr

Yum-Yum \\Pitti-Sing

Three Sisters, Wards of Ko-Ko

Fiona Main

Peep-Bo

Elizabeth Hutchings

Katisha

Daughter-in-law Elect

Jo Clifton

#### Orchestra

Leader 1st Violins Vince Gray Alun Mitchell

Louise Hershaw Andrew Brodie

2nd Violins

Michael Gilmartin Lesley Black

Viola Cellos Bryan Little Julianna Nicholls

Double Bass Flute Carolyn Lawes John Bushell Moira Coates

Clarinet Oboe Bassoon Alison Jones Claire Latto Dawn Morgan

Trumpet Trombone

Steven Gray Tom Gallagher

French Horn

Margaret McGregor

Percussion Ben Redman

#### Chosen Women

Alison Allan, Sandra Bamber, Lyn Bowring, Beryl Butcher, Marion Gledhill Eileen Hutchings, Marion Kelly, Mary Kidd, Anne Marsh

#### Ladies' Chorus

Susan Batham, Ethel Bernstein, Eunice Diver, Ann Duly, Johan Edwards Norma Ferguson, Chris Hutton, June Jack, Jean Kennedy, Barbara McAndie Janette MacDonald, Stella MacDonald, Elspeth Miller, Mary Netley Anne Peacock, Morag Riley, Susan Stockdale

#### Gentlemen's Chorus

Derek Bamber, Bill Bell, James Black, David Chadwick, John Greer-Spencer Len Harvey, Bob Headden, John Headden, Don Higham, Peter Hutchings Ross Main, Peter McMullen, Terry O'Connor, Gordon Stevenson Alan Stewart, Geoff Strong, Jim Taylor, Bill Tulloch

#### Non Singing Members

Gladys Bolam, Paula Brown, Doreen Jane, Kenny Maxwell, Vivian Owers Mike Pendlowski, Sam Shaw, Lindsey Sutton, Marsalie Turner, John Waite

#### ACT I

Courtyard of Ko-Ko's Official Residence

#### **ACT II**

Ko-Ko's Garden

There will be an interval of 20 minutes.

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Chosen Women



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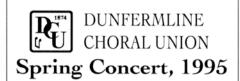
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