

East meets west in this classic love story with hilarious comedy and wonderful music. Now with a stunning new production, this vibrant and energetic young group brings its unique perspective to Gilbert & Sullivan's best-loved opera.

The Mikado is arguably one of the most popular of the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, having stood the test of time since 1885. The show is a rollicking "rom-com" embracing great music cut with humour and adventure.

In a town where flirting is punishable by death, Nanki Poo is prepared to lose his head, literally, for the love of his life. Will love be triumphant? Can everyone keep their heads? What is the meaning of the Mikado's surprise visit?

In the spirit of Gilbert's original writing style, this production sees MUGSS drawing inspiration from contemporary culture, taking influences from Indian film and dance with bright colours, visually stunning choreography and a seven foot tall ceremonial elephant!

**Musical Director** Francis Fee, **Director** Jo Taylor

**The Mikado of Japan** Ian Field, **Nanki-Poo** William Lindsay, **Ko-Ko** Paul Kendler, **Pooh-Bah** Peter England, **Pish-Tush** Simon Glass, **Yum-Yum** Ailsa Mainwaring, **Pitti-Sing** Katie Bray, **Peep-Bo** Clare Young, **Katisha** Emma Ross

**Chorus of School Girls** Adriana Santovena, Alex Scheybeler, Alison Frost, Amy Thomas, Becky Coley, Charlotte Hegarty, Charlotte Unsworth, Gesine Strenge, Gwyneth Jones, Jen Hill, Jen Petrie, Jia Hui Low, Jodi Whittaker, Kathy Draxlbauer, Leila Salarkia, Louise Tossell, Margaret Gee, Mia Violentano, Naomi Balabanoff, Nicky Berkley, Rebecca Scarborough, Sarah Buttenworth, Sarah Harding, Tasoula Crosby, Wendy England

**Chorus of Nobles, Guards and Coolies** Alasdair King, Chris Price, Dan Argent, Gary Tremaud, Jim Symcox, John Guelke, Jonathan Hunter, Jordan Hulme, Josh Benson, Malcolm Gray, Matt Holker, Michael Rosefield, Michael Sparks, Paul Coley, Paul Kendler, Paul O'Neill, Phil Ashworth, Ron Haselgrove, Stephen Baker

**Accompanist** Mike Harris, **Production Manager** Matthew Addison, **Stage Manager** Adam McNeeney, **Deputy Stage Manager** Jo Plant, **Assistant Stage Managers** Katharine Grant, Gemma Thorby, **Makeup** Jen Petrie, **Properties** Nicky Berkley, Ian Jason, **Lighting Designer** Grahame Jebb, **Head of Costume** Gesine Strenge, **Deputy Head of Costume** Grace Pang, **Head of Set** Ben Seaby, **Arch Manager** Alasdair Ferro, **Choreographer** Jo Taylor, **Assistant Choreographer** Jen Petrie, **Programme Photography** Jonathan Hunter, Matthew Addison, **Show Video Recording** Liam Edgeley, Rhian Bootle, Katharine Grant, Lydia Cross **Head Grunt**, Matthew Barnett, **Publicity** Simon Glass, **Musical Arrangement** Mike Harris, **Elephant Tamer** Grahame Jebb, **Twinkle Facilitation** Alasdair Ferro **Poster/DVD Cover Design** Alasdair King

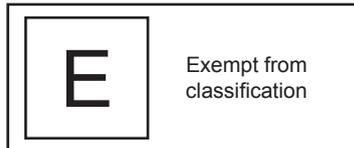
**Set and Costume Construction** Matthew Addison, Robert Allen, Phil Ashworth, Matt Barnett, Nicky Berkley, David Buckley, Lydia Cross, Dominic Crutchley, Kathy Draxlbauer, Alasdair Ferro, Carol Ferro, David Ferro, Hazel Ferro, Simon Glass, Katharine Grant, Malcolm Gray, Claire Hamilton, Laura Hand, Matt Holker, Chris Hopkins, Jonathan Hunter, Ian Jason, Grahame Jebb, Alasdair King, Chris Lockwood, Adam McNeeney, Justin Morley, Jo Plant, Grace Pang, Jen Petrie, Sean Raby, Andrew Robinson, Emma Ross, Sam Smith, Rebecca Scarborough, Gesine Strenge, Ben Seaby, Jo Taylor, Charlotte Unsworth, Mia Violentano, Clare Young

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# The Mikado

The Manchester Universities' Gilbert & Sullivan Society presents

W.S. Gilbert

Sir Arthur Sullivan

# THE MIKADO

or  
The Town of Titipu

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at  
The Royal Northern College of Music

