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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.....
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Tickets for the Eastern Illinois University Departments of Music and Theatre co-production of Gilbert & Sullivan's comic operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance" become available Monday, March 2 at the Fine Arts Ticket Office.

Performances are scheduled for 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7 continuing at 8:00 p.m. March 13, 14 with a 2:00 p.m. matinee Sunday, March 15 in the Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Under the co-direction of Gerald and Barbara Sullivan, "The Pirates of Penzance" tells the tale of Frederic who as a little boy was supposed to be apprenticed to a pilot but instead was apprenticed by his hard-of-hearing nursemaid for training as a pirate. The frivolous story unfolds on the day when, turning 21, his apprenticeship is supposed to be finished -- until it is discovered that he was born on the 29th of February in a Leap Year and he still has a long time to go until he reaches his 21st birthday to mark his liberation.

Tickets of the production are \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for youth and senior citizens and \$2.00 for E.I.U students. The ticket office will be open from 1-5 p.m. daily, Monday thru Friday. Reservations and ticket information can be obtained by phoning (217)581-3110.

Gilbert and Sullivan operas are perfect for children, or family outings!