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Tickets for the Eastern Illinois University Music-Theatre's spring production of Gilbert & Sullivan's comic operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance" go on sale Monday, March 2nd at the Fine Arts Ticket Office.

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.

Members of the cast include Dan Sullivan as the Pirate King, Sal Viviano as Frederic, June Johnson as Ruth, Lisa Mammoser as Mabel, Richard Rogers as Major-General Stanley, a crew of benign pirates, a bevy of marriageable maidens and a platoon of cowardly bobbies.

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

Those attending the "Opening Night" performance are invited to attend a reception with the cast, crew and orchestra in the University Union Bookstore Lounge.

Tickets for 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 through Friday. Reservations and ticket information can be obtained by phoning (217) 581-3110. Group rates are available.

Gilbert and Sullivan operas are suitable for the entire family.

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