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Cal Poly Arts Brings 'HMS Pinafore' to Campus April 28

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Gilbert and Sullivan's beloved classic comic romp, HMS PINAFORE, crests the Cohan Center stage on Monday, April 28, 2008 at 8 p.m.

Direct from its sold-out U.K. tour, internationally-acclaimed Carl Rosa Company's brand-new production is presented by Cal Poly Arts. G&S fans will remember Cal Poly Arts presenting this company's stellar performance of The Pirates of Penzance, which sold out quickly last season.

"Lovers of Gilbert & Sullivan will be delighted with this production... Presented in true opera fashion the production was blessed with remarkable voices... It presents the operetta in all its glory." (Worcester Evening News)

Aboard the HMS Pinafore, an hilarious tale of love, hypocrisy and mistaken identities unravels when the Captain's daughter falls secretly in love with a common sailor. Pledged by her father to marry the mighty "ruler of the Queens Navy," she finds herself hopelessly torn between love and duty.

But a remarkable twist of fate changes all when a long-kept secret is let slip, somersaulting the heroes into a heady climax of fun, frivolity, and fortune.

This sea-faring smash hit show performed by Carl Rosa's superb 65-member cast and orchestra is bursting with Gilbert's brilliant satiric wit and packed with some of Sullivan's most popular songs. Bringing to life some of operetta's best-loved comic characters – from Sir Joseph Porter and Little Buttercup, to Captain Corcoran and Dick Deadeye – HMS Pinafore is a musical delight for all ages to enjoy.

With a repertoire that includes The Mikado and Yeoman of the Guard, the Carl Rosa company goal is to inspire and combine the new younger generation and the established opera audience through artistic excellence in opera and operetta. Through bridging gaps, they have created an individual identity of traditional style productions by returning to the original source material as laid down by the composer and librettist.

A pre-concert lecture by Cal Poly Music Professor Alyson McLamore will be held in the PAC Gallery Lobby at 7 pm.

General public tickets for the performance range from \$42 to \$54, with student discounts available on all seats, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

To order by phone, call 805/756-2787; to order by fax: 805/756-6088.

Order on-line at www.calpolyarts.org.

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