

# SUNY Broome faces found in Savoyard cast

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The Summer Savoyards, who have been bringing Gilbert and Sullivan to the Binghamton area since 1961, are returning to their debut show this summer. Their cast for G&S's most popular operetta, *The Mikado*, is headed by recent Tri-Cities Opera Resident Artist Rebecca Heath and also features John Carroll, Nikolas Arden, Cole Tornberg and Lauren Bass in leading roles.

In *The Mikado*, Sullivan's classic melodies combine with satirical humor as Gilbert mocks British politics and institutions (and the Savoyards offer some topical zingers of their own.) The production is directed by Wm. Clark Snyder, and the full orchestra and chorus will be led by Kim Tyler. The technical director is SUNY Broome Professor Mary E. Donnelly.

Other cast members with past or present affiliation to SUNY Broome are Franklin Krongold, Kristen McPeak, Sharilyn Mitchell, Dylan Ruffo, David Sissenstein, Jackie Sissenstein and Danel (Walburger) Vaglica

Performances will be at 8 p.m. July 17 and 3 p.m. July 19 in the Chamber Hall of Binghamton University's Anderson Center for the Performing Arts. Reserved seats are \$20 (seniors 60 and over, \$18; under 12, \$10). Tickets are now on sale at 607-777-ARTS (777-2787) and at [www.binghamton.edu/anderson-center](http://www.binghamton.edu/anderson-center).

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## **BASIC PLOT LINE:**

Prince Nanki-Poo has fled the court of his father, the Mikado, to escape an arranged marriage to the elderly Katisha. Disguised as a wandering minstrel, Nanki-Poo travels to Titipu, where he falls in love with the scrumptious Yum-Yum, the Lord High Executioner's intended wife. The couple's fate becomes entangled with that of Ko-Ko, the Lord High Executioner, and his cronies, Pooh-Bah and Pish-Tush.

This witty tale of tangled law and love is a thinly veiled commentary on Victorian England, set in Japan to connect with the trendiness of all things Japanese in London in the mid-1880s. Musical highlights include “A Wand’ring Minstrel I,” “As Some Day It May Happen” (aka “I’ve got a little list”), “Three Little Maids from School Are We,” “The Sun, Whose Rays Are all Ablaze,” “Mi-ya Sa-ma” and “Willow, Tit-Willow.”

## **CAST LIST:**

Yum-Yum: Rebecca Heath

Peep-Bo: Katrin Baxter

Pitti-Sing: Danel Vaglica

Katisha: Lauren Bass

Nanki-Poo: Cole Tornberg

Ko-Ko: John Carroll

Pish-Tush: Craig Hawkins

Mikado: Nikolas Arden

Pooh-Bah: Dylan Ruffo

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