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The Whiting Proudly Presents Gilbert & Sullivan: THE MIKADO

Flint - The Whiting is pleased to present the pitch-perfect production of *Gilbert & Sullivan's The Mikado*, on **Saturday, February 13 at 8pm**. Ticket prices range from \$18 - \$46 and are available online at TheWhiting.com, by phoning (810) 237-7333 and by walk up at The Ticket Center located within The Whiting. The Whiting is located at 1241 E. Kearsley St. just off I-475 between the University of Michigan Flint and Mott Community College on the beautiful Flint Cultural Center campus.

Directed by renowned British G&S specialist **Richard Sheldon**, this production, complete with sets, costumes, full chorus and orchestra, frequently plays to capacity houses and has won outstanding acclaim – “a first-rate performance, full of humor, beautiful music and sharp theatricality.” **Richard Sheldon** will star in the title role (“a more humane Mikado”) for which he has been described as “unusually terrifying but quite hilarious.” Other favorite characters include Ko-Ko, the Lord High Executioner, played by **Nick Estep**, praised for his comic timing, and Pooh-Bah, Lord High Everything Else, for which **Rollin Lofdahl** has been labeled “insufferably haughty!” And let’s not forget the “wandering minstrel” Nanki-Poo played by tenor **Criag Gilmore** as

well as the “Three Little Maids from School” featuring **Carol Winston** (Yum-Yum), **Ann Noriel** (Pitti-Sing) and **Diane Sawyers** (Peep-Bo). Mezzo soprano **Adelaide Sinclair** plays the formidable Katisha and **Jesse Merlin** appears as the noble lord Pish-Tush. The production, complete with full orchestra and chorus, will be conducted by music director **Alexander Ruggieri**.

The Los Angeles based Opera A La Carte is especially known for the true style of its productions for which it has received outstanding praise – **“the glory of Opera A La Carte has been its absolute adherence to the letter as well as the spirit of these works, not as museum fossils but in their authentic, joyous vitality” (Daily News, Los Angeles)**. You won’t want to miss the opportunity to see this unique and exciting company!

The Mikado is generously supported by Health Alliance Plan, McLaren Regional Medical Center, Cars 108, WFNT and ABC12.

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