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DULUTH--Opera comes to UMD Kirby ballroom at 8 p.m.
Wednesday, July 6.

Fourteen members of the Duluth Light Opera company will perform as Gilbert and Sullivan favorites in excerpts from "Princess Ida," "The Mikado," and "The Pirates of Penzance."

"Princess Ida," based on Tennyson's poem "The Princess," pokes fun at Feminism in medieval times. Duluthian Viola Thorp will be seen as the princess.

The audience will next hear from "Yum Yum," the artless little Japanese miss who sings a "Mikado" aria explaining her likeness to the moon and sun.

"Yum Yum" is Virginia Parrish offstage.

Gilbert and Sullivan satirize the Victorian Englishman's exaggerated sense of duty in the final presentation, "The Pirates of Penzance." Major roles are taken by Ellen Marsden as Ruth; George Finch, pirate king; Harry Dack, pirate's apprentice and R. H. Nelson, Major General Stanley.

Others in the all-local cast are Edward Gruber, Betty Evans, Jean Manthey, Katherine Reardon, Glenn Card, Ron Grandahl, Willard Peterson, Ellen Nelson, Aileen Thompson and Everdeen Nelson.

Everdeen and Roy Nelson direct the "Pirates" with Evelyn Dack as narrator and Christine Crocket, accompanist.