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# COLCHESTER OPERATIC SOCIETY CO2

Presents

# HOT MIKADO

Book and lyrics adapted by DAVID H. BELL. Music adapted & arranged by ROB BOWMAN  
Based on "The Mikado" by W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan.  
Originally produced at Ford's Theatre, Washington, D.C. Frankie Hewitt, Producing Director.

These amateur performances are given by arrangement with Josef Weinberger Ltd.

## PRODUCTION TEAM



Assistant Director &  
Dance Choreographer  
**NIKKI  
MUNDELL-POOLE**



Director & Choreographer  
**VALERIE MASSEY**



Musical Director  
**PETER SNELL**



Dance Captain  
**ISOBEL KING**

## A message from the Chairperson of CO2

I would like to thank you for your support, and extend a warm welcome to you all on behalf of CO2, as we present our 20th production - "HOT MIKADO"

This show is based on the original "MIKADO" by Gilbert and Sullivan, with the music re-written in the 60's to encourage you to delight in various musical styles, such as blues, gospel, rock through to Tit-Willow, sung just for fun.

Our Musical Director, Peter Snell, has labelled the music for this show "the hardest yet - a real challenge" I have watched our Director, Val Massey, instruct and guide our youngsters (with an average age of 16) and have seen them bond into a talented production cast. I am justly proud of them all. By the end of this performance I sincerely believe you will have enjoyed the show, and can share the pride I have in CO2.

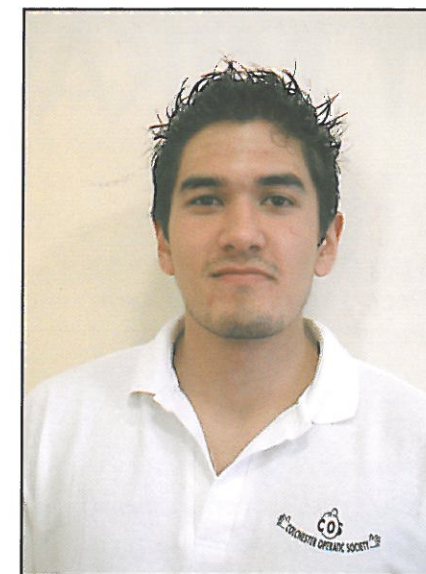
If you would like to know more about CO2, please contact our Membership Secretary, Emma Spurgeon on 01206 768524.

Thank you once again for your support.

Margaret Walton - Chairperson.



**Joe Allen**



**Michael Bramley**



**Tiffany Buck**



**Louise Cassidy**



**Lisa Dison**



**Paul Flynn**



**Shane King**



**Rudi Last**



**Amy Secretan**



# HOT MIKADO

## THE CAST

The Mikado	Rudi Last	Pitti-Sing	Amy Secretan	Ko-Ko	Joe Allen
Nanki-Poo	Paul Flynn	Peep-Bo	Lisa Dison	Poo-Bah	Michael Bramley
Yum-Yum	Tiffany Buck	Pish-Tush	Shane King	Katisha	Louise Cassidy

## CHORUS

Jessica Bailey (Understudy Katisha), Jade Beard, Lisa Bibby, Bethany Bugg, Pheobe Day, Natalie Fabugba, Amy Green, Annie Homer, Francesca Keeling (U/s Pitti-Sing), Isobel King, Katie Lunnon, Bethany Pike, Melissa Pipe, Anna Pool, Leanne Rogers (U/s Yum-Yum & Pish-Tush Music), Jenna Saiz, Georgina Wootten.

Tim Askew (U/s Pish-Tush Dialogue), Tim Dorsett (U/s Nanki-Poo), Daniel Howell, Daniel Kerr, Harry Tweddell, David White, Thomas Whittam.

## The action takes place in and around the town of Titipu

### Act One

We are the Gentlemen of Japan  
A Wand'ring Minstrel, I  
And the Drums Will Crash  
Behold the Lord High Executioner  
I've got a Little List  
Three Little maids  
This is What I'll Never Do  
I am so Proud  
Pre-Throng

Let the Throng Our Joy Advance

Katisha's Entrance  
For He's Going to Marry Yum-Yum  
The Hour of Gladness  
Finale, Act One

Pish-Tush, Ensemble  
Nanki-Poo, Gentlemen  
Pooh-Bah, Nanki-Poo, Gentlemen  
Ko-Ko, Ensemble  
Ko-Ko, Gentlemen  
Yum-Yum, Peep-Bo, Pitti-Sing  
Nanki-Poo, Yum Yum  
Pooh-Bah, Ko-Ko, Pish-Tush  
Ko-Ko, Nanki-Poo, Yum-Yum, Pitti-Sing, Peep-Bo,  
Pish-Tush, Pooh-Bah, Ensemble  
Nanki-Poo, Yum-Yum, Pitti-Sing, Peep-Bo,  
Pish-Tush, Pooh-Bah, Ko-Ko, Ensemble  
Katisha ,Yum-Yum, Nanki-Poo, Ensemble  
Pitti-Sing, Ensemble  
Katisha  
Katisha ,Yum-Yum, Pitti-Sing, Nanki-Poo,

### Act Two

Entr'acte  
Braid the Raven Hair  
The Sun and I  
Swing a Merry Madrigal  
Here's a Howdy-Do  
The Entrance of The Mikado  
The Mikado's Song  
Alone and Yet Alive  
Tit-Willow  
Beauty in the Bellow  
Finale, Act Two

Ladies  
Pish-Tush,  
Yum-Yum  
Yum-Yum, Pitti-Sing, Pish-Tush, Nanki-Poo, Ensemble  
Yum-Yum, Nanki-Poo, Ko-Ko  
  
Mikado, Ensemble  
Katisha  
Ko-Ko  
Katisha, Ko-Ko  
Nanki-Poo, Yum Yum, Pish-Tush, Mikado, Ensemble

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## The Orchestra

- |                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. MD & Keyboard - Peter Snell | 4. Trombone - Alan Collier |
| 2. Reeds - Julian Landemore    | 5. Bass - Alan Forman      |
| 3. Trumpet - Guy Labroke       | 6. Drums - Andy Dowding    |

## Off Stage Chorus - Members of Colchester Operatic Society

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The committee and members of Colchester Operatic Society would like to express their thanks to all those who contributed to this production & with their help in the Green Room:

All our Volunteer Chaperons, all the staff and management  
of the Mercury Theatre and the Headgate Theatre.  
Programme layout & production to Masterprint  
Brian Moore

## PRODUCTION TEAM

Lighting Design	Jim Bowman	Wardrobe Manager	Jo Read
Sound Design	Martyn J. Hunt	Costumes	Beryl Balls
Sound Assistants	Chris Barrell/ Adam Taylor		Anne London
Sound Equipment	Supplied by mm productions		Shirley Tindall
Lighting Equipment	Supplied by Richard Hinds Electrrics	Make up	Maggie Walton
Stage Director	Mike Spurgeon	Properties Manager	Margaret Norfolk and Members of the Society
Stage Crew	Members of the Society		Lynn Keeling
Prompts	Susan Wootten/ Jez Donnelly		Emma Cruikshank
Youth Liaison	Trevor Walton	The Green Room	Helen McCraw
Publicity	David London		Ann Mills
Photographs	Peter Howard		Members of Society

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## The Company



### HOT MIKADO – THE STORY

The story is ostensibly set in Japan and was originally intended to poke fun at Victorian England's bourgeoisie who had settled on a fad for all things Japanese. David H Bell and Rob Bowman created in 'Hot Mikado' a spoof upon a spoof. Broadly based on Gilbert and Sullivan's story of the minstrel Nanki-Poo who is desperate to marry the girl of his dreams Yum-Yum. He agrees to be beheaded after only a month of wedded bliss so that Yum-Yum's guardian can claim her as his bride. In the meantime Katisha appears to claim Nanki-Poo saying he had made a suggestion of marriage to her. But it is the fearful Ko-Ko who saves the day attempting to seduce Katisha and win her bloodthirsty affections.

### CO2's Previous Productions

1984	Grease	1991	Grease	1997	The Wiz
1985	The Wiz	1992	Anything Goes	1999	Rock Nativity
1986	The Boyfriend	1993	Annie	2000	Fame
1987	Bye Bye Birdie	1994	42nd. Street	2001	Guys & Dolls
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1990	Guys & Dolls				



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