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## The Story

IN the town of Titipu lives Ko-Ko, who has failed to fulfil his duty as Lord High Executioner. The Mikado of Japan has decreed that unless there is an execution Ko-Ko will be demoted and the town “reduced to the rank of a village”. To the town comes the son of the Mikado, Nanki-Poo who has fled his father’s court in disguise, to escape the attentions of his elderly fiancée, Katisha. On arrival he sees Yum-Yum, the ward of Ko-Ko, and falls madly in love with her. She, however, is betrothed to her guardian, and, in despair Nanki-Poo decides to end it all by suicide.

Meanwhile Ko-Ko, to save face, is frantically searching for a victim for public execution, and on hearing of Nanki-Poo’s intention to commit suicide, persuades him to “volunteer”. The unhappy lover agrees, on the condition that he may marry Yum-Yum at once. Ko-Ko readily consents believing Yum-Yum will be free again to marry after the execution, but he has forgotten the custom which decrees that an executed man’s widow must be buried alive. Poor Yum-Yum!

In the midst of the dilemma the Mikado arrives accompanied by an irate Katisha. Terrified that he will want proof of an execution, Ko-Ko bribes Pooh-Bah the Lord High Everything Else, to sign a document stating that Nanki-Poo has already been disposed of. But the Mikado has come on an entirely different matter. His son’s disappearance from court, and his wrath knows no bounds when he finds that they have unwittingly beheaded his son.

There is only one chance, Nanki-Poo must come to life again. (Which is a good thing as he is just starting his honeymoon.) The resourceful Ko-Ko then makes the supreme sacrifice. He courts the formidable Katisha and persuades her to secure a reprieve for the offenders.

So all are saved. The lovers are united at last, the town is saved, and Katisha has found her longed-for husband.

Happy Katisha . . . poor Ko-Ko!





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or

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ACT ONE

COURTYARD OF KO-KO'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE

- Overture
1. Chorus of Men .. .. . *If you want to know who we are*
  2. Song (NANKI-POOH AND CHORUS) .. .. . *A wand'ring minstrel I*
  3. Song (PISH-TUSH AND CHORUS) .. .. . *Our great Mikado virtuous man*
  4. Song (POOH-BAH, NANKI-POO AND PISH-TUSH) .. .. . *Young man despair*
  - 4a. Recit. (NANKI-POO AND POOH-BAH) .. .. . *And have I journey'd for a month*
  5. Chorus with Solo (Ko-Ko) .. .. . *Behold the Lord High Executioner*
  - 5a. Song (Ko-Ko WITH CHORUS OF MEN) .. .. . *As some day it may happen*
  6. Chorus of Girls .. .. . *Comes a train of little ladies*
  7. Trio (YUM-YUM, PEEP-BO, PITTI-SING with CHORUS OF GIRLS) .. .. . *Three little maids*
  8. Quintet (YUM-YUM, PEEP-BO, PITTI-SING, POOH-BAH, PISH-TUSH AND CHORUS OF GIRLS).. .. . *So please you sir*
  9. Duet (YUM-YUM AND NANKI-POO) .. .. . *Were you not to Ko-Ko plighted*
  10. Trio (Ko-Ko, POOH-BAH AND PISH-TUSH).. .. . *I am so proud*
  11. Finale .. .. . *With aspect stern and gloomy stride*

ACT TWO

KO-KO'S GARDEN

12. Solo (PITTI-SING AND CHORUS OF GIRLS) .. .. . *Braid the raven hair*
13. Song (YUM-YUM) .. .. . *The sun whose rays*
14. Madrigal (YUM-YUM, PITTI-SING, NANKI-POO AND PISH-TUSH) .. .. . *Brightly dawns our wedding day*
15. Trio (YUM-YUM, NANKI-POO AND Ko-Ko) .. .. . *Here's a how-de-do*
16. Entrance of MIKADO AND KATISHA .. .. . *Mi-ya-sa-ma*
17. Song (MIKADO AND CHORUS) .. .. . *A more human Mikado*
18. Trio (PITTI-SING, Ko-Ko, POOH-BAH AND CHORUS) .. .. . *The criminal cried*
19. Glee (PITTI-SING, KATISHA, Ko-Ko, POOH-BAH AND MIKADO) .. .. . *See how the fates*
20. Quintet (NANKI-POO, Ko-Ko, YUM-YUM, PITTI-SING AND POOH-BAH) .. .. . *The flowers that bloom in the spring*
21. Recit. and Song (KATISHA) .. .. . *Alone and yet alive*
22. Song (Ko-Ko) .. .. . *On a tree by a river a little Tom Tit*
23. Duet (Ko-Ko AND KATISHA) .. .. . *There is beauty in the bellow of the blast*
24. Finale .. .. . *For he's gone and married Yum-Yum*

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# THE MIKADO

Production Directed  
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**Andrew Downie**

*Ensemble Choreography by: DOREEN BRADBROOK*

## CAST

THE MIKADO OF JAPAN .. .. .	<b>John Warburton</b>
NANKI-POO (his son, disguised as a wandering minstrel, and in love with YUM-YUM) .. .. .	<b>Colin Thorne</b>
KO-KO (Lord High Executioner of Titipu) .. .. .	<b>Donald Scott</b>
POOH-BAH (Lord High Everything Else) .. .. .	<b>John Enfield</b>
PISH-TUSH (a Noble Lord) .. .. .	<b>Bruce Thompson</b>
YUM-YUM } .. .. .	<b>Juliet Propert</b>
PITTI-SING } Three sisters, wards of Ko-Ko .. .. .	<b>Rosemary Bland</b>
PEEP-BO } .. .. .	<b>Valda Geater</b>
KATISHA (an elderly lady, in love with Nanki-Poo) .. .. .	<b>Freda Evans</b>

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	Meg Lambert	
Thomas Berry	John E. Evans	Tyrone Souter
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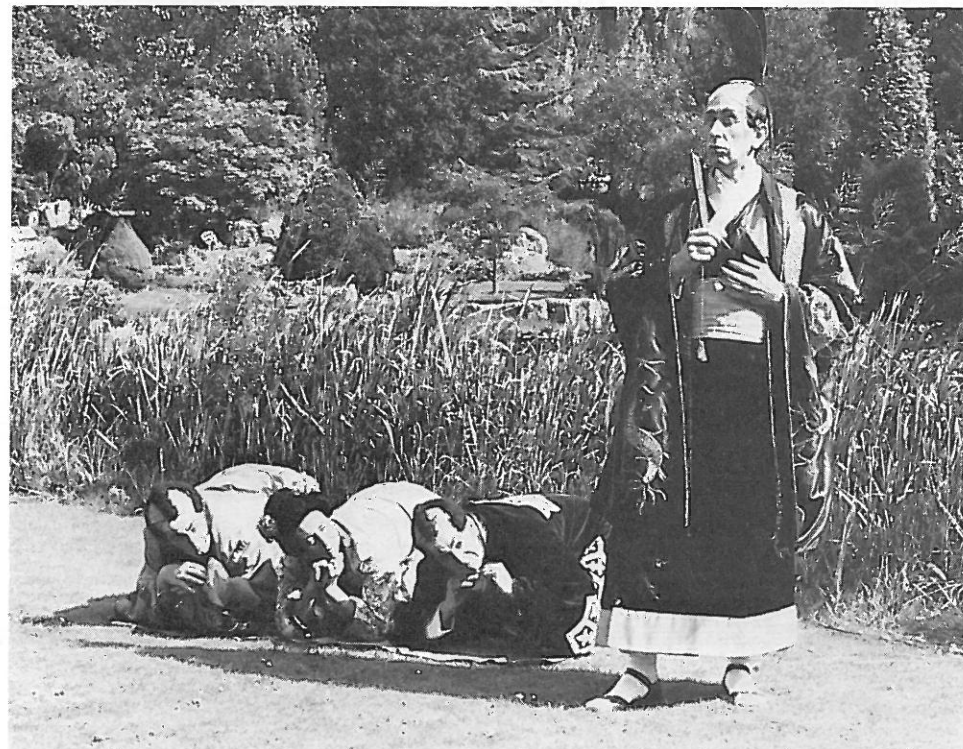
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