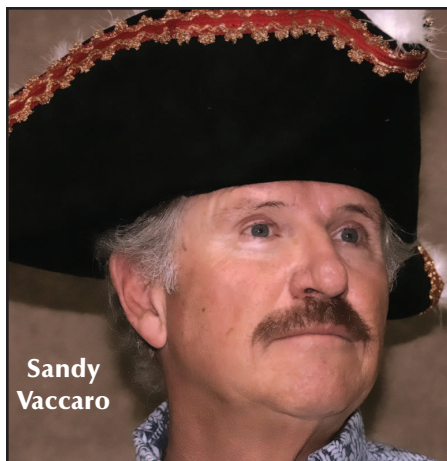


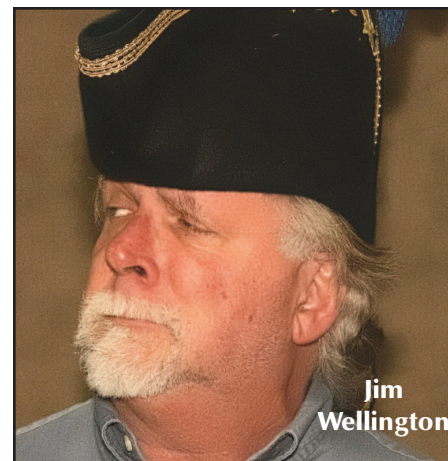


Sandy Vaccaro

PIRATES' LIFE FOR ME



Members of the cast and crew of "Pirates of Penzance" try on props at the Florence Events Center.



Jim Wellington

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Last Resort Players sing, battle and fall in love in Rodgers and Hammerstein's comedy

Adventure, intrigue, a life-long mystery! Discover the pirates' life in Last Resort Player's "Pirates of Penzance," playing Nov. 4 to 13 at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

Presented by Last Resort Players with special arrangement through Music Theater International, the story concerns Frederic, who, having completed his 21st year, is released from his apprenticeship to a band of tender-hearted pirates. He meets Mabel, the daughter of Major-General Stanley, and the two young people fall instantly in love.

However, the course of true love never does sail smooth. Frederic learns he must continue to serve the Pirates of Penzance for another 63 years. His only solace is that Mabel agrees to wait for him faithfully.

Add in a pirate crew, the local guard and a dozen faithful daughters and you've got a musical sure to delight.

The creative team that brought "Les Misérables" to local audiences has gathered a stellar cast of new and old faces to bring Gilbert and Sullivan's classic comic opera to the Florence stage.

By now you've met the cast — Sean

Abplanalp as Frederic, Hilary Roach as Mabel, Sandy Vaccaro as the Pirate King, Jim Wellington as the major general, Dana Rodet as the sergeant and Crystal Farnsworth as Ruth — and the all-star cast is also led by a talented and versatile directorial team.

Leah Goodwin takes the helm as director; Mary Conley is assistant director and stage manager; Laura Merz is the "argh-tistic" (artistic) music director; Jen Weier is music director and conductor; and Annie Schmidt and Sally Wantz are producing "Pirates."

Not only that — both Schmidt and

Wantz play pirates, too.

A contingent of singing pirates and policemen, trilling ladies and a full orchestra create the rest of the "Pirates" crew.

Filled with boisterous songs, glib lines and an all-star cast, this production is not a show to be missed.

Last Resort Players will play "Pirates of Penzance" at Florence Events Center the weekends of Nov. 4 to 6 and 11 to 13, with 7 p.m. evening and 2 p.m. matinee performances.

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