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I am delighted to welcome you to this season's production of *Mile High Mikado*.

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The Macclesfield Majestic Theatre Group's stage accomplishments over more than thirty years are outstanding even legendary, and this production does full justice to this Gilbert & Sullivan tour de force of music and wit, and we look forward, as ever, to a wonderful evening's entertainment.

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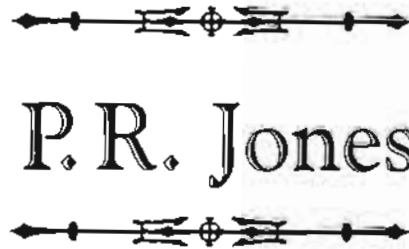
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hard work put in by all the cast "music,  
lyrics and movement".*

*We are delighted that Paul Shortt is our  
Director/Choreographer. Paul adapted  
this musical himself changing the lyrics  
and some of the arrangements of this  
popular Gilbert & Sullivan Production.*

*This is a musically challenging show and  
the soloists and chorus have been taught  
patiently by our Musical Director  
Heather Hayes-Wilson.*

*As in all societies, there are as many  
behind the scenes as there are on stage,  
they also work tirelessly to help bring the  
Production to fruition, so please enjoy the  
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*Mikado  
Don Riseley*



*Ko-Ko  
Mike Raymond*



*Katisha  
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*Pooh-Bah  
Nigel Wells*

# The Story

## Act One

In the grip of a gang-land boss known as the Mikado, Titipu is on an island of hard-working people employed chiefly in the automobile producing industry by Nissan Company.

All positions of any importance throughout the land are filled by people appointed by the Mikado. Nobody works unless he says so. His word has become law! However, internal power struggles and crime have begun to rock the boat. Consequently, in an effort to restore his authority, the Mikado decided to appoint a hit-man and to eliminate the trouble makers.

Pooh-Bah, (Airport Controller, amongst other posts), together with Pish-Tush (Customs Officer), in an effort to preserve their own crooked positions, hurriedly recommended Ko-Ko (a thief - already in jail and awaiting his fate), who is ultimately appointed by the Mikado as his No. 2.

Meanwhile, Nanki-Poo, the Mikado's son has bolted to escape the affections of a lady - Katisha. He has joined a touring pop group and fallen in love with an air hostess, Yum-Yum (who also happens to be a ward of Ko-Ko).

Nanki-Poo arrives by plane, looking for Yum-Yum, only to be told that she marries Ko-Ko today. Ko-Ko arrives, air-sick, with his little list, followed shortly by the arrival of the air hostesses, Yum-Yum, Pitti-Sing, Mitzi-Bishi, Li-Kupa and Di-Atsu (all slightly tipsy). Left alone, Yum-Yum and Nanki-Poo sing of their love, he, revealing his identity to her.

A letter arrives from the Mikado, who is annoyed that although internal crime is still rife, Ko-Ko has not yet executed anyone. A volunteer is needed. Ko-Ko eventually persuades Nanki-Poo to volunteer. During the ensuing celebrations for Nanki-Poo's forthcoming, albeit short, marriage, Katisha arrives to stake her claim.

## Act Two

Yum-Yum is prepared for the wedding by her friends, her happiness tempered by Nanki-Poo's pending execution. Ko-Ko informs Yum-Yum and Nanki-Poo that when a married man is executed, his wife must be buried alive (Mikado's rule No. 69, section 23, sub-section 8). Having no choice, he tells them both to run away and that he will falsify the death certificate.

The Mikado arrives with Katisha and Ko-Ko, Pitti-Sing and Pooh Bah describe the execution. Katisha realizes that her beloved Nanki-Poo has been executed, so as a punishment Ko-Ko, Pitti-Sing and Pooh-Bah will have to die unless Nanki-Poo can be brought back to life.

Ko-Ko is made to woo Katisha and eventually wins her over with the result that Nanki-Poo is free to be with his new bride Yum-Yum. The Mikado shows uncommon mercy for the devious trio - Katisha is livid that she has been thwarted in her love for Nanki-Poo, however, all ends happily.

That's the story - well, something like that anyway.

Paul Shortt



*Pitti-Sing*  
*Louise McIntyre*



*Li-Kupa*  
*Rachel Carpenter*



*Di-Atsu*  
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*Mitzi-Bishi*  
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Director  
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# THE MILE HIGH MIKADO

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## Cast List

THE MIKADO .....	Don Riseley
NANKI-POO .....	Stephen Clayton
KO-KO .....	Mike Raymond
POOH-BAH .....	Nigel Wells
PISH-TUSH .....	Richard Comish
YUM-YUM .....	Carol Pratt
PITTI-SING .....	Louise McIntyre
LI-KUPA .....	Rachel Carpenter
DI-ATSU .....	Angela McIntyre
MITZI-BISHI .....	Diane McIntyre
KATISHA .....	Deirdre Rogers
SU-ZUKI .....	Andie Waterson
SAM-SUNG .....	Mel Winstanley

### Chorus:

Olga Buckley, Bev Jones, Linda Chuter, Dawn Dale, Stephanie Evans,  
Jennifer McDougall, Rebecca Lucas, Sheila Hill  
David McGuinness, Harry Newton, Tavis Hill, Peter Kent, Roger Butlin,  
Chris McCay, Michael Scott.

## Musicians

Keyboard .....	Ian Jones
Flute .....	Hazel Hunter
Clarinet .....	Malcolm Griffiths
Trumpet .....	Rachel Butterworth
Horn .....	Bill Ramage
Trombone .....	Kevin Downing
Bass Guitar .....	Pat Huston
Drums & Percussion .....	Sam Lea

## Musical Numbers



### Act One

- 1 Car workers' introduction .....Chorus  
*"If you want to know who we are"*
- 2 *A wand'ring singer* .....Nanki-Poo
- 3 *Our Great Mikado* .....Pish-Tush
- 4 *You're out of luck* .....Pooh-Bah
- 5 *Look out, here comes the executioner* .....Chorus
- 6 *Taken from the county jail* .....Ko-Ko
- 7 *I've got a little list* .....Ko-Ko
- 8 *Straight from the training school* .....Yum-Yum, Pitti-Sing, Mitzi-Bishi  
Li-Kupa and Di-Atsu
- 9 *Were you not to Ko-Ko plighted* .....Nanki-Poo and Yum-Yum
- 10 *I am so proud* .....Pooh-Bah, Ko-Ko and Pish-Tush
- 11 *Finale, Act 1* .....Ensemble / Katisha

### Act Two

- 1 *Let us paint your nails* .....Air Hostesses
- 2 *The sun, whose rays* .....Yum-Yum
- 3 *Brightly dawns our wedding day*.....Yum-Yum, Nanki-Poo, Pitti-Sing  
and Pish Tush
- 4 *Here's a how-de-do* .....Yum-Yum, Nanki-Poo and Ko-Ko
- 5 *From every kind of man* .....Mikado and Katisha
- 6 *I am the big Mikado* .....Mikado
- 7 *The criminal cried* .....Ko-Ko, Pitti-Sing, Mitzi-Bishi and Pooh-Bah
- 8 *The flowers that bloom in the spring* .....Nanki-Poo, Ko-Ko, Yum-Yum  
Pitti-Sing, Mitzi-Bishi and Pooh-Bah
- 9 *Alone, and yet alive* .....Katisha
- 10 *Tit Willow* .....Ko-Ko
- 11 *Beauty in the bellow of the blast* .....Ko-Ko and Katisha
- 12 *Finale*.....Ensemble





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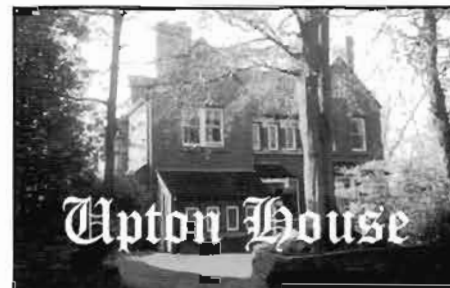
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