



**Royal City Musical Productions Inc.**  
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**For Immediate Release:**

Royal City Musical Productions Inc. is kicking off its 30th anniversary season with its fifth Gilbert and Sullivan production – *The Mikado*, a wonderful show for all ages.

Royal City Musical Productions is pleased to be working with Directors Jane Martin and Laurie Garbutt once more for this new production. The cast has been announced with many returning RCMPI members and many new members that are new to the company.

The lead roles include:

- Michele Di Tomasso as Katisha
- 'Zeeke' Hamilton as Ko Ko
- Jim Griffin as The Mikado
- Malakai Arnel as Nanki-Poo
- Fiona Douglas as Peep-Bo
- Robert Geddes as Pish-Tush
- Mariah MacFarlane as Pitti-Sing
- Tom Gould as Pooh Bah
- Kim Moffit as Yum-Yum

Rehearsals are well underway for this lively production that will be onstage at River Run Centre from April 24 through 27, 2008. Show times are 8pm with weekend matinees at 2pm. Tickets are now on sale from River Run Centre box office: 519 763 3000 or online: [www.rcmpi.com](http://www.rcmpi.com).

Set in Japan, a wandering minstrel falls in love with a village school girl but suffers from the jealousy of a local bureaucrat. The bureaucrat has problems of his own as he has been appointed as the town executioner with the explicit instruction that the first person he executes must be himself. The town officials, who, for efficiency, are all the same person, are much more concerned about following the letter of the Mikado's laws than the intent. Things come to a head when the Mikado, who is very much in favour of making sure that a punishment should fit the crime, shows up looking for evidence that someone has been executed, and an older lady appears to claim the Mikado's son in marriage. With marriages, executions and legal wranglings it all comes down, it seems, to the picking the right candidate!

Royal City Musical Productions Inc. was formed in 1978 by dedicated volunteers in Guelph to produce Broadway style musicals and to provide a community theatre company to provide a forum for amateur actors, singers, dancers and technicians. It has done this for the last 29 years.

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact RCMPI: [rcmpi@guelpharts.ca](mailto:rcmpi@guelpharts.ca) or through our website: [www.rcmpi.com](http://www.rcmpi.com).

