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Ingenious Paradox / Nick Brooke Productions / Pleasance Theatre Trust present the UK Premiere of

GILBERT & SULLIVAN IN BRIEF(S)

Direct from Queens Theatre, New York

“The very model of a modern major hit!” (Washington Post)

***The madcap musical set to do for Gilbert and Sullivan what the
Reduced Shakespeare Company did for the Bard
at the***

Edinburgh Festival Fringe August 2012

GILBERT & SULLIVAN IN BRIEF(S), a **hilarious and ingenious** musical farce celebrating the works of the Victorian duo, will transfer directly from Queens Theatre New York to the Pleasance Courtyard from 2 - 27 August 2012.

Written and directed by Queens Theatre Executive Director **Ray Cullom**, ***GILBERT & SULLIVAN IN BRIEF(S)*** is a laugh-out-loud night of pirates and sailors, modern major generals and damsels in distress that has been described as “*Gilbert & Sullivan meets Saturday Night Live*” (White Plains Reporter). Four archetypal characters—a pompous Tenor (**Matthew Thompson**); a ditsy Soprano (**Carolann Sanita**); a past-her-prime Mezzo (**Kate Chapman**); an inebriated Baritone (**Parker Andrews**)—take audiences on a madcap musical race through all 14 of the duo’s operettas, from the well-known—*The Pirates of Penzance*, *HMS Pinafore*, *The Mikado*—to the obscure—*Princess Ida*, anyone? Can these four characters get through every operetta in 70 minutes without killing each other?

This production opens at Queens Theatre, New York on June 21st and the original US company brings the show to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe from 2 - 27 August. Queens Theatre is committed to presenting world-class theatre and dance as well as cultural programming that reflects the diversity of the New York City borough of Queens, the most ethnically diverse county in the USA. Queens Theatre is also one of the only performing arts centers in the borough that actively develops new works through its New Play Development programs.

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GILBERT & SULLIVAN IN BRIEFS

VENUE: Pleasance One

DATES: 2nd-3rd Aug (previews), 4th-27th Aug (not 13th or 21st)

TIME: 16:30 (17:30)

TICKETS: £6 (previews), £12 (£11), £10 (£9)

BOOKING: 0131 556 6550, www.pleasance.co.uk