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### **Mikado brings Jersey's own little maid back to Island**

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Standard Bank is sponsoring this year's Jersey Gilbert and Sullivan Society's production at the Opera House. The Mikado, which is also known as The Town of Titipu, will be performed from Tuesday 19 to Saturday 23 May.

This year's production of The Mikado will include a local star in the making, Georgi Mottram, as Pitti-Sing, one of the infamous three little maids. Georgi, now 19, left Jersey three years ago to train as a classical singer at Chethams School of Music in Manchester. In September Georgi will continue her training on a degree course at Trinity College of Music in London.

Georgi said: "Singing is my passion and it's my ambition to become a professional performer. While London is calling me back to pursue my dream, getting involved in such an incredible opera in Jersey is a fantastic opportunity I couldn't resist. This is my first time performing Gilbert and Sullivan and I am thoroughly looking forward to it – Jersey has such a wonderful music community!"

UK tenor Russell Painter, known nationally for his modern adaptation of traditional Gilbert and Sullivan characters, is also part of the cast. He played Alexis Pointdextre in the Jersey Gilbert and Sullivan Society's production of The Sorcerer last year.

Director of The Mikado, Julie McLoughlin, said: "Standard Bank has made it possible for us to stage this wonderful opera so that it can be seen by a local audience. It is especially pleasing to be able to have such a talented cast."

Claire Reid, Standard Bank's Director of Marketing and Communications, said: "We're delighted to be sponsoring this year's production of The Mikado. Standard Bank has sponsored the society's annual production for the past nine years and is committed to supporting the arts in Jersey ."

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**Notes to Editor**

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