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"The Mikado" features the adventures of Nanki-Poo, son of Japan's ruler, who flees his father's court to escape an arranged marriage. His escapades in the far-off village of Titipu and encounters with the inhabitants produce the fun and tuneful narrative of the operetta.

Directing the show is Dr. Donald E. Vogel of Poland, profesor and coordinator of vocal music in YSU's Dana School of Music.

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Appearing as the Mikado of Japan will be graduate student Anthony Rogers of Boardman, director of music for St. Charles Catholic Church. Mark Spondike of Youngstown and Robert McCorvey of Warren will portray Wanki-Poo.

The Lord High Executioner of Titipu, Ko-Ko, will be played by Mark Passertello, theatre major from New Castle, Pa. Appearing as Pooh-Bah, the Lord High Everything Else, will be Christopher J. Kocis of Sharpsville, Pa. and Darryl J. Yeagley of Struthers. Jay Baylon, Youngstown, and Gary Lehman, Niles, will play Pish-Tash.

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The double casts will alternate performances, with a special daytime performance for high school theatre classes on Wednesday, May 27.

Costumes are being supervised by Jane Shanabarger of Boardman, instructor in Speech Communication and Theatre at YSU and costumer for University Theatre. Sets and lights are the responsibility of Todd W. Dicken, senior theatre major from Columbiana. Joan Wagman, YSU instructor in Health and Physical Education from Youngstown, is serving as choreographer.

Musical director and conductor of the orchestra is Dana Associate Professor Michael Gelfand of Boardman. A 30-piece orchestra will accompany the performances.

Chorus members include Pamela Ackelson (Youngstown), William Ambert (Hubbard), Michael Beveridge (Irondale), Jeff Blewitt (Youngstown), Marcy Cohen (Girard), Thomas Conroy (Boardman), Brent Deterlich (Brookfield), Leigh Ellis (Austintown), Christopher Hamady (Poland), Joe James (Canton), Holly King (Cortland), Matthew Koren (East Palestine), Tosten Muth (Boardman), Stephen Niarhos (Boardman), Tania Pshsniak (Salem), Robert Stubbs (Hermitage, Pa.), and Kristen Wellendorf (Boardman).

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