

Pirate Summer at the Lofte!

Manley, Neb., July 1, 2019 -- The Lofte Community Theatre, located in Manley, NE, is having several Events this month!

Beginning July 7th, the Lofte will hold "Script Club". Admission is free! Script Club is a staged reading and is a fun and different way to experience theatre. Please join us Sunday, July 7th at 2PM. This month will be a comedy, and Lofte Rewards are given for those who participate. Details at the door.

Kicking off "Pirate Summer", we will be hosting The Jolly Rogers, The Original Singing Pirates of the Midwest from Kansas City on Saturday, July 13th at 7PM. The Jolly Rogers invite you to join in on the fun as they record their Lofte show for their 30th anniversary CD/DVD release! The Jolly Rogers are a ribald crew of singing-comedy pirates that have proudly been the source of first-rate maritime music for almost 30 years. Locals may remember The JR's from their run at The Renaissance Faire of the Midlands at Iowa Western Community College (1991-2003). Break out your peg-legs and pirate outfits for a costume contest judged by The JR's themselves! The Jolly Rogers rate their show a very light PG-13 due to suggestive dialog and heavy-handed and thinly-veiled innuendo. The JR's are clever and naughty (like Benny Hill), not crass and dirty!

The members of The Jolly Rogers are (left to right) Kurt Hanover as Bloodbard, Cliff Lawson as Devin Blackheart, Chris Berger as Kane, Mark Stahl as Mayhem, and Sean Foree as Bottomless Pete.

The Lofte will also have a Food and Beer Tent, called The Cutthroat Inn, every Saturday from July 13th to August 3rd. (July 13, 20, 27 and August 3rd) beginning at 4:30PM. The Menu includes Brisket, Smoked Turkey Legs, BBQ Pulled Pork, Grilled Corn-on-the-Cob, plus special Pirate Rum Drinks and Craft Beer.

On July 20th, more Pirates will arrive and we will begin production of Gilbert and Sullivan's, Pirates of Penzance. The Book and Lyrics by Sir William Schwenck Gilbert, and Music by Sir Arthur Seymour Sullivan.

Set sail with this hilarious farce of sentimental pirates, bumbling policemen, dim-witted young lovers and an eccentric Major-General. Our hopeful story follows young Frederic, an orphan who has mistakenly been apprenticed to a raucous band of pirates. He disavows the pirates' way of life and tries to win over the heart of Major-General Stanley's songbird daughter, Mabel. Complications arise that may prevent the budding romance and lead to the death of 'The very model of a modern Major-General.'

The Lofte cast of 30 actors includes Wade Mumford as The Pirate King, Piper Monson, who just returned from the Jimmy Awards on Broadway will play Mabel, Wendy Allen as Ruth, and Erik Quam as the Major General. Many new Born-in-a-Barn Players are joining the Lofte for the first

time: John Celesky, Sam Bass, Jacob Goetz, Dillon Holsteen, Dillon Kirby, Matthew Kischer, Emanuel Meloy, John Kinney, Kameron Monahan, CeCe Hastreiter, Tammy Kruger, Gillian Pearson, Bobbie Ritzman, Kristan Robbins, and Leandra Rodriguez.

Tickets for this event can purchased by calling the Lofte Community Theatre box office at 402-234-2553, or by visiting the theatre's website at www.Lofte.org and clicking on "Tickets".

About The Lofte Community Theatre: The Lofte Community Theatre is a 501(c) 3 non-profit community theatre, located in Manley Nebraska, approximately 25 miles south of Omaha. The theatre, a new post-and-beam style performing arts facility can seat approximately 330 patrons for each performance. Actors and audience members enjoy a beautiful climate-controlled venue year around. The Lofte offers a full concession stand, and also sells beer and wine. The theatre offers six core season productions each year as well as many special events featuring visiting artists including week-long children's theater workshop, a free Veterans Day concert, and host high-school one-act play competitions in the fall. Approximately 12,000 visitors come through the doors annually.