

Deadline approaching to reserve tickets for MCC's Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala

Reservations are due by Feb. 21 to attend the 17th Annual Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala, slated for Feb. 28 at the MCC Ball Performing Arts Center. The gala, sponsored by the MCC Foundation, features the McLennan Opera and Theatre performance of the popular Gilbert and Sullivan musical, "*Pirates of Penzance*."

Tony Award-winning "*Pirates of Penzance*" hit the Broadway stage in 1879, featuring the comedic twists faced by Frederic who is released from his apprenticeship to a band of tender-hearted pirates. The show will be co-directed by professors Mandy Morrison and Kelly Parker, with vocal direction by [Dr. Bronwen Forbay](#).

"This marks the first time in recent memory that the Hearts in the Arts Gala production features the combined talents of McLennan Opera and McLennan Theatre, so the vocals will be spectacular," said Kim Patterson, Executive Director of the MCC Foundation. Hearts in the Arts, sponsor of the Gala, is an affinity group that supports the arts at MCC.

Now in its 17th year, the Hearts in the Arts Theatre Gala sets sail with a 6 p.m. hors d'oeuvre and cocktail reception at the Ball Performing Arts Center and Fountain Plaza, followed by the musical production at 7:30 p.m. Patron tickets are \$75 and include the reception and theatre performance. All proceeds benefit MCC scholarships and special projects benefitting visual and performing arts students and faculty.

Gala seating is limited, and reservations are due by Feb. 21. For more information about the gala event, please visit www.mclennan.edu/foundation/hearts. To make reservations, contact the McLennan Community College Foundation at 254-299-8604 or reservations@mclennan.edu.