

# MY BEST FRIEND'S A PIRATE!

A Children's Opera Outreach Program

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## OPERA OUTREACH

Presenting a series of special opera outreach performances for young audiences at locations across Central Illinois in May and June.

The 2024 outreach opera is a comedy performance called "My Best Friend's a Pirate!". This interactive production features the music of Rossini, Mozart, Verdi, and many more.

The outreach productions are performed at libraries, schools, and other community locations in Central Illinois. Each lasts about 30 minutes with time for children to talk to the performer.

The goal of the outreach performances is to introduce children and families to the joy and magic of opera.

## SYNOPSIS

The Pirate Princess has been struggling making friends aboard the Royal Raider. Her father, the Pirate King, put her on an Island to teach her some important life lessons. The Pirate King believes that his daughter needs to embrace friendship to be the next Pirate Queen. Come along to watch the Pirate Princess's quest for friendship and adventure. Learn about patience, perseverance, and resourcefulness with the help of her new friends, Polly the Parrot, and Tiddles the Tortoise.



## MINA MCINTIRE

Mina McIntire received her Master of Music in vocal performance and literature from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a Bachelor of Music in vocal performance from Illinois Wesleyan University. Previously, she has taught at Illinois Central College as an adjunct faculty member, and at Lincoln Land Community College as a private applied voice instructor. Some of her notable roles include: Mabel in "Pirates of Penzance" with the Springfield Ohio Symphony and Ohio Light Opera, and Miss Jessel from "Turn of the Screw" by Benjamin Britten at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

## LESSONS

- Friendship
- Kindness
- Patience
- Perseverance