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**PRESS RELEASE**

Canolfan y Celfyddydau  
Aberystwyth Arts Centre

**Opera della Luna presents**  
**HMS Pinafore**  
**Tuesday 15 June 7.30pm**

The innovative and exciting company Opera della Luna bring their acclaimed production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore* to Aberystwyth Arts Centre on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Packed to the brim with toe-tapping tunes, the wit and verve of this production will prove beyond doubt that Opera della Luna are one of the UK's leading exponents of operetta and comic music-theatre.

In true Opera della Luna style eight multi-talented singer/actors become crew, chorus and principals in a brilliantly fast and hilarious production of this famous comic opera. Opera della Luna have honed their eight-person version of *HMS Pinafore* to a jewel over the years. Director Jeff Clarke explains "This production has had an unusual evolution. Our shortened version of HMS Pinafore was first commissioned by the Concordia Theatre Company for performance aboard the QE2 in 1987. It was originally exactly 60 minutes long. The

production was then revived for the Covent Garden Festival in 2000, and again in 2001. In preparing now to present the show as a full evening's entertainment we have decided to preserve our streamlined version as its core and to add a new opening and closing sequence. We believe it enables the tale to be told in our own distinctive energetic style."

Tickets for this performance are £12 (£10) and can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre Box Office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at [www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre](http://www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre)



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