

## Pirates of Penzance Covid Protocols

Valley Light Opera considers the safety of its cast, orchestra and crews a primary concern. Given the uncertainties of our current environment, the Board is enacting the following policy for our rehearsals and build sessions. These regulations are subject to change pending the local Covid 19 situation, as well as state and local ordinances. The following protocols were approved by VLO Board 8/10/21:

- All cast, orchestra and crews will be required to be vaccinated. If they are not due to legal exemptions, each case will be considered individually and, if possible, reasonable accommodations will be offered. Herd immunity might play into the decision.
- The production team will provide every reasonable precaution. At this point, masks will be required and there will be social distancing as best as possible and feasible.
- The production team views this as an evolving situation. Requirements might need to change - stricter or looser --as time goes on.
- Please stay home from any VLO activity if you are not feeling well or if you have been exposed to Covid and haven't yet received a negative test. If possible, the production team will provide a Zoom rehearsal option for anyone who is home due to illness.
- No decision has been made yet on whether or not to require the audience to be vaccinated. That decision can wait another month or so. *\*\*See the update from the Academy of Music below.*

The Academy of Music notified VLO on 8/12/21 of the following regulations they expect to be in place through December. However, they, too, view this as a situation that might need to change.

- All people entering the Academy of Music will be required to have received a Covid 19 vaccination. The Academy will require that vaccine cards be presented. They will also accept a negative Covid test taken within the previous 72 hours. This includes all performers, orchestra members, stage hands, costumers, office personnel, volunteers and audience members. Children under 12 who are not eligible for the vaccine, will be required to wear a face mask at all times while in the building.

Valley Light Opera recognizes the inconveniences that these regulations cause. However, we believe that with caution, we can still produce a high-quality show for an exuberant audience. We deeply appreciate your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.

With cautious optimism,

Phyllis Jordan

VLO President

