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AVAST! HIGH SEA ADVENTURE CAPTURES SHOPPERS AT OCEAN TERMINAL

The Pirate King and his crew will take visitors at Ocean Terminal Shopping Centre on a high sea adventure this week when students from Queen Margaret University's School of Drama and Creative Industries perform their swashbuckling Spring production, *Pirates!!!*, at the Leith-based shopping and leisure destination.

Taking place twice a day each afternoon from Thursday 8 to Saturday 10 March, Ocean Terminal will be overrun by pirates seeking treasure and adventure. Across the centre mini scenes will be enacted and shoppers will be able to join the pirates in their quest for plunder or follow the Admiral and his trusty cabin boy as they nobly defend the seven seas. Meanwhile, a deep-sea diver will fall in love with a mermaid and on a nearby island two ragged men will make a meal out of the world's smallest fish.

The ship-like feel of the shopping centre will capture the visitor's imagination. The ground floor will be converted into the depths of the ocean with under-water scenes, pirates will clash cutlasses and sea battles will be fought by shopping trolley galleons.

Pirates!!! has been specially created for Ocean Terminal and combines the talents of students from three of the University's courses. The 12-strong cast are from the BA Acting and Performance programme, the lavish costumes have been created by the students of the BA Costume Design and Construction programme, and the intricate sound designs and gigantic props are the work of students from the BA Theatre Production programme.

Commenting on the production, Francis Gallop, freelance director and designer said: "*Pirates!!!* was developed by the students for Ocean Terminal and will give shoppers a chance to become involved with the interactive production which will bring the centre alive with song and dance."

Fay Jameson, Marketing Manager for Ocean Terminal said, "We are delighted to host *Pirates!!!*, a thrilling interactive series of scenes which will create a unique experience for shoppers.

"This interactive production fits perfectly with Ocean Terminal's ever-growing reputation as a vibrant leisure destination, where something different happens."

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PHOTGRAPHY

Please find a photo attached.

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. Ocean Terminal houses half a million sq ft of shopping and leisure on three floors, 1600 free car parking spaces, over 75 stores, bars and restaurants, and a 12 screen cinema.
2. Just 10 minutes from the City Centre, Ocean Terminal is at the very heart of the dynamic regeneration of Edinburgh's waterfront.

In addition to many of the UK's foremost high street stores, unique boutiques and a spa, the centre also boasts a superb selection of restaurants and cafés overlooking the Firth of Forth.

Not only does Ocean Terminal play host to an ever-changing programme of events and exhibitions, but it is also home to one of the country's most popular tourist attractions, The Royal Yacht Britannia.

2. The show will take place at 1.30pm and 3.30pm on Thursday 8, Friday 9 and Saturday 10 March.