

Vespa

Music and Libretto by Don DiNicola

Music Director - Robert Frankenberry

Conducted by Roger Zahab

In the Gardens of Old Stone House

May 30 and June 1



Enhanced with Puppets by The Puppeteers Cooperative

Stage Banners by Theresa Linnihan

A young girl and her pet wasp lead some friends on a journey into the mysterious world of insects. Their alarming and hilarious encounters cause the humans to re-evaluate their place in the natural world.

The Cast

Sara Lucille Law*Vespa/The New Queen*
Dana Kinney*Rae (Vespa's sister)*
Emily Solo*The Wasp Queen*
Matt Mueller*Oppylon/The Tree*
Daniel Rosenberg*Joey/Boo the Purple Mantis*
Michael Celentano*Rickie, Bee Warrior, Katydid*
Joelle LaChance*Chickadee, Dickie, Baby Spider*
Melaina Mills*Baby Spider, Firefly, Mantes*
Anne Elise Teeling*Understudy*
Ilvi Dulack*Narrator*

When not in their characters, singers assume
various roles in the CHORUS:

BEES, WASPS, MOSQUITOS, DRAGONFLIES,
BEETLES, LADYBUGS AND MANTISEES

Cast Bios at VespaOpera.org

The World:

A vacant lot in which children play. Behind the lot is a rundown factory building upon which a sign reads, “DBP INDUSTRIES”.

A road, a woods. Beyond the woods, a house, a bog, a pond, a meadow, an overgrown swampland and, finally, The Queen’s Island.

Act I Lonely Vespa befriends a fellow outcast and introduces him to a world of insects. She begins her transition.

Act II Threatened by her sister and sinister forces, Vespa and Joey fly to the Queen’s Island.

Act III Through the bog, the stench, and destruction, Rae dreams and begins to see Vespa’s way as a solution.

Act IV Something wicked forces the Queen’s Plea - she dies and a New Queen is born.

Dramaturge
Ilvi Dulack

Engraver and Composer's Assistant
Devin Barone DVB

Technical Director
Mark Travis

Assistant Technical Directors
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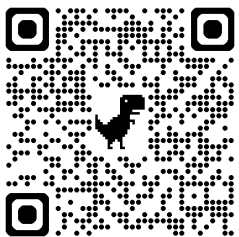
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