

"VAMPUKA" St. Petersburg Musical Theatre

"VAMPUKA the Beautiful"

The puppet concert performance for the whole family

The author of fairy tales, poetry and music: Zhenya Glyukk

Recommended viewing for the whole family

1909. St. Petersburg. "A bunch to you, a bunch to you, a bunch of flowers brought to you ..." — a known opera motif sung by a pupils choir at the Smolny Institute, presenting flowers to an honored guest, the prince of Oldenburg. The lady passing by took on the ear "a bunch to you" (in Russian: "vam puk") as a men's name and asked "Who is Vampuk?". The prince, Russian writer and playwright, the author of historical novels and parodies Michael Volkonsky was present near and not lost island "Well, of course, African." Later he turns an African to an African princess with women's poetic name "Vampuka". And based on his play "The Princess of Africa" his comic-opera parody. Since then, the word "vampuka" is used in the meaning — "ridiculous, stencil and template scenic situations." To some extent, "vampuka" is analogous to the term "cranberry" in the literature.

Children's musical genre is in its infancy in Russia. In all cases, musical presentations for children are based on famous themes of Russian and foreign films of the past. "VAMPUKA the Beautiful" is the first in Russia and a completely new work of authorship, a modern concert performance for children, youth and the whole family. Notably, it took place first in St. Petersburg. And exactly in 100 years time after the appearance of the word "Vampuka".

"VAMPUKA the Beautiful" is a happy puppet concert performance based on the fairy tale of Zhenya Glyukk in the spirit of the "Bremen Musicians". On stage **DOLLS and MUSICIANS** act. Colorful and vivid animated video replaces massive scenery. It is **the fairy tale** in the magical world of which Junk comes alive, the gates of Time kingdom are broken, the princess is missing... **The concert** where professional musicians perform the role of magical characters and puppets, **sing songs and play live music** with puppets-musicians!

In the middle of each presentation there is the **interactive** part. Children are invited by the actors on stage, with the musicians help they create their own instrumental ensemble. The ensemble is at times conducted by the well-known figures of culture and art. For example, in one of the last performances in the Arkady Raikin Estrada Theatre the child ensemble was conducted by a well-known showman of the popular group "AuktsYon" Oleg Garkusha.

The theatre is in good progress and there is a new appearance – the **string puppet John Lennon**. He enacts himself in the performances. The puppet-musician plays guitar and sings to everyone the well-known songs such as "Imagine" and "Come Together".

Performance concert is raised by the St. Petersburg Musical Theatre "VAMPUKA" by the play, poetry and music of Zhenya Glyukk. Dolls are excellently fulfilled by master Slava Zubkov. The arrangement of musical fairy tale Alexander Smirnov made. Cartoons for the production were painted by Oleg Vyrypaev.

The duration of the concert is 1 hour 30 min with 1 act-wait. On stage there are 5 dolls and 6-7 artists. Recommended viewing for the whole family — children from 3 years, youth and their parents.

With "VAMPUKA the Beautiful" already fell in love not only children, but also adults, who now have a rare opportunity to feel like a little child to relax and, of course, enjoy really good music, performed by all the laws of the live concert.

The **tale** "VAMPUKA the Beautiful" by Zhenya Glyukk, apart from **performance-concerts** and **musical magic on CD**, will continue as a **television version** of the play-concert (with stars), a **musical fairy tale in English, books-theatre** in the forgotten but beloved by all format and **animation**. Perhaps in the future a **musical film-tale** will be made.

For the first time in twenty years in Russia there is a new funny musical tale "VAMPUKA the Beautiful" in the spirit of the "Bremen Musicians" and "Alice in Wonderland"! In May 2009 at the Theatre of Estrada a mini-disc (single a fairy tale) was presented, in which the songs are sung by: **Billy Novik ("Billy's Band")** in the role of Kit-Cat, **Sergey "Chizh" Chigrakov** in the role of the Wizard of Time kingdom, **Ilya Chort ("Pilot")** as Tabakerkin, Zhenya Glyukk and Alexander Smirnov in the role of Mr and Mrs Junk. Autumn 2010, at the same festive representation the full version of musical fairy tale on CD will be presented. In addition to the songs presented on single, the songs are sung by: **Maxim Leonidov** in the role of Business-Mann, **Michael and Alex Gorshenevy ("The King and the Jester", "Kukryniksy")** in the role of Gatekeepers, **Alexei Smirnov ("Cafe")** in the role of Danilo Gorynych, **Michael Semenov ("December")** in the role of the Greater Much, **Zhenya Glyukk** as Story teller, **Michael Bashakov** as Artist, **Oleg Kuvayev ("Masyanya")** as Mrs. Junk, **Yuri Galtsev** in the role of King Tremetiy IV and so on. Arrangements made by Alexander Smirnov.

The St. Petersburg Musical Theatre "VAMPUKA" bows to the audience.

A bunch of flowers brought to you!



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It all began in **1993** when a student of M. A. Husid class (Theatre of Synthesis and Animation "InterStudio" Studio) Puppet Theatre Faculty of Leningrad State Institute of Theatre, Music and Cinema (now SPbGATI) Zhenya Glyukk together with like-minded released the first performance of **"Roasters and Gistrilony"**. Next were the **"Twilight of the Gods" (1994)** and **"Hello, Seniora Fellini" (1995)**. In 1995 Zhenya Glyukk graduated with honors from the Institute. On the Christmas parade at the festival she received **the prize for best female role** (The award was presented L.I. Gitelman).

After the break, the theatre was revived under the artistic leadership of Zhenya Glyukk. It is in its present form since 2007, when new artists, four tablet dolls, appeared: the three musicians (guitarist, bassist, drummer) and the company dominant, wonderful vocalist Vampuka.

In 2009, exactly in 100 years time after the birth of the word "Vampuka" of which the theatre took the title, the first of its already popular production appeared — a **musical interactive tale for the whole family, puppet musical "VAMPUKA the Beautiful"**. Genre: Happy-concert performance in the style of "Bremen Musicians" On stage four dolls and six artists act. For children from 3 years and their parents. For the whole family.

The St. Petersburg Musical Theatre "VAMPUKA" is a unique theatre. His presentations are fabulous **performances** and melodious **concerts**. On the stage the **musicians** and **puppets** act! Professional musicians perform the role of magical characters and puppets, they **sing songs** and **play live music** with puppets-musicians!

Theatre gives concerts at various theatres, concert and music venues.

In the season 2010-2011 Theatre holds the premiere of several more **new puppet musicals**:

"Winter's Tale" for Works of Zacharias Topelius, **"The Thief of Bagdad"** for Works of Yuriy Entin and David Tukhmanov, **"Chucha and Klyum"** on Oleg Kuvayev's cheerful history about the nurse and a huge hare, **"White performance"** (without the words), **"Uncle Remus, His Songs and His Sayings"** for Works of Joel Chandler Harris (Brer Fox, Brer Rabbit, Mother Hedgehog, my boy Bear, my boy Wolf, and others). An artist Anna Florenskaya has already passed the first puppet to the theatre — brer Fox, brer Rabbit that since the first days of life have begun intensive social and cultural activities.

Children's author Zhenya Glyukk

Born in St. Petersburg, Russia.

At the age of 7 years, she wrote her first song-verse.

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Zhenya Glyukk writes fairy tales, stories, fables, songs, music. In literature she has invented her own "muffozny" author style. Printed in a number of Russian periodicals for children. Publishes books. Releases audio books and music stories on CD.

She is a radio and television anchorwoman. Apart from the programs for adults, now there is a program for the whole family "Children's vinyl record" on "Radio Rocks" 102fm. Family Children's TV show, so far appeared on the channel "VOT", moves to another channel.

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