

Variety

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Rebecca

(Raimund Theater, Vienna ; 1,170 Seats; E95 (\$120) Top)

A Vereinigte Buehnen Wien presentation of a musical in two acts with music and orchestrations by Sylvester Levay, book and lyrics by Michael Kunze, based on the novel by Daphne du Maurier. Directed by Francesca Zambello. Music director, Caspar Richter. Choreography, Denni Sayers.

"I" - Wietske van Tongeren

Maxim de Winter - Uwe Kroger

Mrs. Danvers - Susan Rigvava-Dumas

Jack Favell - Carsten Lepper

Mrs. Van Hopper - Carin Filipcic

Beatrice - Kerstin Ibald

Frank Crawley - Andre Bauer

Ben - Norberto Bertassi

Mrs. Danvers gets the best music, and in Susan Rigvava-Dumas has found a perfect interpreter. Hers is entirely an original creation, blessedly free of the influence of Judith Anderson's legendary perf for Hitchcock. With a rich mezzo-soprano as her weapon, she embodies evil born of passion and jealousy in a multi-layered turn.