After a hiatus that was much too long for its devoted fans, Vertical Player Repertory has announced a new season beginning with four performances of Puccini's Il Tabarro starting on January 27, for which the intimate VPR performance space will be transformed into a barge moored on the banks of the Seine. Soprano and VPR founder Judith Barnes will portray the reckless Giorgetta, who spurns her husband Michele, sung by Georgian baritone Zurab Ninua.

This summer, *Il Tabarro* moves to a real barge on the Gowanus Canal! Other future plans for VPR include a production of Leoncavallo's *I Pagliacci* in collaboration with a young circus company, Cirque Boom.

For ticket information and a performance schedule for *Il Tabarro*, call 212 539-2696 or tap out VPRTICKETS@aol.com. Vertical Player Repertory is at 219 Court Street in Cobble Hill.



Judith Barnes as Giorgetta; Noah Stewart as Luigi in Vertical Player Repertory's production of Il Tabarro.

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