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Cast of Characters
(in order of appearance)

Dog Tenor
Cat Mezzo Soprano
Donkey Baritone
Starbird Lyric Soprano
Robot I Tenor
Robot II Bass
Voice of Arcturion Amplified Speaking Voice

Instrumentation

Violin, Cello, String-Bass, Piano, Flute, B-flat Clarinet, Horn in F, Percussion (2 Players)
Instrumental parts are available on rental from the publisher.
(Duration: 46')

Short Version

Starbird may be performed effectively in a shortened version. Follow the score through page 73, measure 496. Then proceed to page 186 and continue to the end. This version is suitable for school performances, requiring only four singers (Starbird, Dog, Cat, and Donkey) with piano accompaniment. The voice of Arcturion may be spoken by the pianist.

(Duration: 25')

World Premiere

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
Washington, D.C., April 19, 1981

Conducted by
Louis Salemno

Staged by
Mabel Robinson

Original Cast

Starbird Kathryn Wright
Cat Lynn Yakes
Dog Neil Nease
Donkey S. Ray Jacobs
Robot I Chris Trakas
Robot II Dennis Peterson

Starbird

An Opera in One Act

by Henry Mollicone
 Libretto by Kate Pogue

A corner in Central Park, clearly identifiable by a large sign. The skyline of New York looks jagged and harsh in the background. A large clump of bushes stage center masks the spaceship. There is a tree near center, large enough to hold a cat on one of the branches.

Moderato ♩ = 100

8va....., loco rit.

ff (loco) loco rit.

ped. ped. sim.

Relaxed ♩ = 48

5 (♩ = ♩ always, unless otherwise specified)

mp

9 ([Curtain] rises on Central Park)

sim.

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