



The Queen of Spades opera at Garsington is a hit. It's a dark 18th-century story with mirrors and new ideas. Aaron Cawley shines as Hermann.



The opera is about Hermann's gambling and love troubles. The music is strong and moves the story. Douglas Boyd makes the music sound great.



Laura Wilde is sad as Lisa. Stephanie Wake-Edwards is lively as Polina. Diana Montague and Robert Hayward are strong. The show ends 4 July.