

PRODUCTION NOTES

Voices:

Malia Burkhart.....	Jabu Hothead 1
Karen Haselmann.....	Sejhehii Lenad
Fiza Jaafar-Tribbett.....	Kendha Riidopo Qen-am
J Roth.....	Chameleon Hill Hothead 2

All puppet and scenery design by J Roth except: dragonflies and orchard by Malia Burkhart, Sejhehii by Karen Haselmann, colorful Qen-am and King are traditional puppets from China. Original story and music by J Roth. The music during the dragonfly dance and orchard scene is adapted from a Japanese song from the 1700s entitled: Genroku Hanami Odori.

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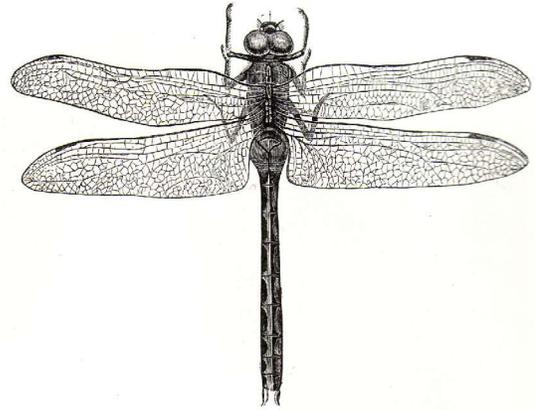
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AMAZING DRAGONFLIES

The oldest fossilized record of a dragonfly is from over 300 million years ago; that's before the dinosaurs (and way before we humans, who have only been around for about two million years.) The largest known dragonfly had a wingspan of 24 inches (about the size of the large dragonfly that appears in the show.)



Dragonflies are stupendous flying machines. They can travel as fast as sixty miles an hour (faster than your car on the freeway – if you're not speeding, that is.) They can also loop-the-loop, hover, and fly backwards.

Their eyes are also unbelievable. Each of their eyes has about 30,000 lenses, so they literally have eyes on the backs of their heads and can see all around them at the exact same time.

Dragonflies live underwater as nymphs for up to four years, shedding their skin up to fifteen times, yet when they finally mature into dragonflies they survive only a few months.

Dragonflies are sometimes called "mosquito hawks" because they catch and eat so many mosquitoes. Dragonflies also eat other pests like gnats and flies (so be happy if there are lots of dragonflies where you live.)

Besides "mosquito hawk", dragonflies have been given many different nicknames by many different cultures including: darner, devil's darning needle, big needle of wings, ear sewer, mosquito fly, skeeter hawk, snake doctor, snake feeder, old glassy, water dipper, clacking stick and spindle.

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