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THE ROYAL BALLET ANNOUNCES GUEST ARTISTS FOR 2012/13 SEASON

Principal of the Mikhailovsky Ballet, **Natalia Osipova**, will make her Royal Ballet debut in *Swan Lake* later this year. She will join the Company for three performances on 10, 13 and 25 October, dancing alongside regular Royal Ballet Principal Guest Artist **Carlos Acosta**.

Tamara Rojo and **Sergei Polunin** will return to the Royal Opera House for three performances on 12, 15 and 21 February 2013. Rojo, who leaves the Company at the end of the current season, will dance three farewell performances of Marguerite and Armand partnered by Polunin, both having danced the ballet to critical acclaim in October '11.

Director Designate of The Royal Ballet, **Kevin O'Hare** said:

"I am delighted to be able to invite Natalia Osipova to appear with the Company for the first time next season and I know that she is very much looking forward to appearing in our production of *Swan Lake* and to working with Carlos Acosta.

I am also delighted that, after her long and distinguished career with the Company, Tamara Rojo is able to accept my invitation to return to make a

final farewell to Covent Garden audiences and reprise her performance of Marguerite partnered, as before, by Sergei Polunin.”

Tickets for *Swan Lake* are already on sale at www.roh.org.uk. Public booking for *Marguerite and Armand* opens on 17 October.

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