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PRESS RELEASE

LA FILLE MAL GARDÉE – The Wayward Daughter **ONE OF THE ROYAL BALLET'S MOST POPULAR WORKS**

Thursday 16 April – Tuesday 5 May

ROH Live Cinema Tuesday 5 May



This iconic British ballet, complete with dancing chickens and Shetland pony, is perfect entertainment for newcomers and Royal Ballet regulars of all ages. Its many highlights include the gloriously funny clog dance and Fanny Elssler *pas de deux* with its ribbon motif, which not only entertain, but also showcase choreographer **Frederick Ashton's** genius and the distinctive English balletic style he shaped.

Debuts in the lead virtuoso roles include Royal Ballet principal dancers **Natalia Osipova** as Lise and **Vadim Muntagirov** as Colas. These roles combine dazzling technique and touchingly human details which have won audiences over for more than 50 years. Stepping into the clogs for the first time as Widow Simone are **Jonathan Howells** and **Thomas Whitehead**.

The story begins with the feisty Lise about to be married off by her over-protective mother, Widow Simone. Not wishing to marry the simple-witted Alain, Lise makes several attempts to run off with her true love, Colas. Fortunately a summer thunderstorm proves the catalyst for the lovers' eventual union and true love wins the day.

La Fille mal gardée is part of the ROH Live Cinema Season and will be screened on Tuesday 5 May.

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La Fille mal gardée performances:

16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29 April; 5†May at 7.30pm; 26 April at 3pm; 2 May at 2pm and 7pm;

†Live cinema screening Tuesday 5 May 7.30pm

Box Office and information

Tel 0207 304 4000

Tickets - £6 - £125

<http://www.roh.org.uk/productions/la-fille-mal-gardee-by-frederick-ashton>

Notes to Editors

Choreography	Frederick Ashton
Music	Ferdinand Hérold, arranged and orchestrated by John Lanchbery
Conductor	Barry Wordsworth
Scenario	Jean Dauberval
Design	Osbert Lancaster
Lighting design	John B Read

CASTING

16, 24 April	Lise: Laura Morera Colas: Vadim Muntagirov*
21 April	Lise: Roberta Marquez Colas: Alexander Campbell*
22 / 28 April	Lise: Marianela Nuñez Colas: Carlos Acosta
2 (mat) May	Lise: Roberta Marquez Colas: TBA
23 / 29 April / 5† May	Lise: Natalia Osipova* Colas: Steven McRae
26 (mat) April / 2 May	Lise: Yuhui Choe Colas: Alexander Campbell

***Role Debut**

† Live Cinema Screening Tuesday 5 May 7.30pm

Image credits

From left to right:

- Marianela Nuñez as Lise and Carlos Acosta as Colas
in *La Fille mal gardée* ©ROH / Tristram Kenton, 2012
- Will Tuckett as Widow Simone with artists of The Royal Ballet
In *La Fille mal gardée* ©ROH / Tristram Kenton, 2010
- Philip Mosley as Widow Simone and Roberta Marquez as Lise
in *La Fille mal gardée* ©ROH / Tristram Kenton, 2010

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