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LA FILLE MAL GARDÉE – The Wayward Daughter
OPENS THE ROYAL BALLET'S AUTUMN SEASON

Tuesday 27 September – Saturday 22 October



Frederick Ashton's classic British ballet, complete with dancing chickens and Shetland pony, returns to the Royal Opera House from 27 September. Featuring the gloriously funny clog dance and Fanny Elssler *pas de deux*, *La Fille mal gardée* showcases the distinctive English balletic style Ashton shaped, and is a production filled with energy, humour and colourful choreography.

Returning to The Royal Ballet as Guest Artist, **Roberta Marquez** dances two farewell performances in one of her signature roles as the wayward daughter Lise. **Francesca Hayward**, recently promoted to Principal, will also make her debut in this lead virtuoso role, and **Valentino Zucchetti** and **Marcelino Sambé** will debut as Colas. These roles combine dazzling technique and touchingly human details which have won audiences over for more than 50 years.

La Fille mal gardée tells the story of 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.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

La Fille mal gardée

Tuesday 27 September- Saturday 22 October

Royal Opera House, London WC2E 9DD

27 and 30 September at 7.30pm / 5, 6, 10, 13, 18, 21 and 22 October at 7.30pm/

30 September at 2.30pm/15 October at 2pm and 7pm

Box Office and information

Tel 0207 304 4000

Tickets - £6- £120

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

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

(Lise, Colas)

27 Sep / 30 Sep

Laura Morera, Vadim Muntagirov

6 Oct

**Francesca Hayward*,
Marcelino Sambé***

30 Sep (mat) / 15 Oct

Yuhui Choe, Valentino Zucchetti*

5 Oct / 10 Oct / 18 Oct

Natalia Osipova, Steven McRae

13 Oct / 21 Oct

Marianela Nuñez, Vadim Muntagirov

15 Oct (mat) / 22 Oct

**Roberta Marquez,
Alexander Campbell**

*Role Debut

Image credits

From left to right:

- Laura Morera as Lise and Vadim Muntagirov as Colas in *La Fille mal gardée* ©ROH, 2015 Photographed by Tristram Kenton
- Artists of The Royal Ballet in *La Fille mal gardée* ©ROH / Tristram Kenton, 2012
- Philip Mosley as Widow Simone and Roberta Marquez as Lise in *La Fille mal gardée* ©ROH / Tristram Kenton, 2010

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