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La fille mal gardée

Ever since its triumphant premiere in 1960, Frederick Ashton's La fille mal gardée has been treasured as one of his happiest creations – his artistic tribute to nature, and an expression of his feelings for his beloved Suffolk countryside. Marianela Nuñez and Carlos Acosta perfectly portray the young lovers Lise and Colas, determined to thwart the plans of Widow Simone to marry off her wayward daughter to Alain, the simple son of wealthy Farmer Thomas. Osbert Lancaster's colourful, picture-book designs, along with Ferdinand Hérold's tuneful score, arranged by John Lanchbery, provide the perfect setting for Ashton's blissfully bucolic ballet, complete with haywain, pony, maypole and ribbons, a cockerel and his chickens and, of course, the famous clog dance, here wonderfully led by William Tuckett as the irascible but lovable Widow Simone.

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Lise Marianela Nuñez **Colas Carlos Acosta** Widow Simone William Tuckett **Alain Jonathan Howells**

Music Ferdinand Hérold arranged by John Lanchbery Choreography Frederick Ashton Scenario Jean Dauberval **Designs Osbert Lancaster** Lighting John B. Read **Staging Alexander Grant** assisted by Christopher Carr

Conductor Anthony Twiner The Orchestra of the Royal Opera House

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