HUDSON VALLEY HVDT DANCE THEATRE

PRESENTS

LA FILLE MAL GARDÉE

THE POORLY GUARDED GIRL

Classical Ballet IN 3 ACTS

PERFORMED BY LOCAL DANCERS FROM THE HUDSON VALLEY.

MUSIC
JOHN LANCHBERY
AFTER FERDINAND HÉROLD

CHOREOGRAPHY
AGGIE KIMPLE
AFTER FREDERICK ASHTON

ACT 1

IT is early on a warm summer morning and the farm hands are up before the sun, ready for a day of tending the wheat fields. The chickens wake to lay their eggs and the milkmaids are there to collect the eggs. Lise leaves her house for her morning chores and hopes to catch a moment with her boyfriend, Colas. But it is not to be, Colas is still in the fields. Lise leaves a ribbon with her best friend, Annisa, as a token of her affections for Colas. Annisa will give it to him on his return.

Colas returns after Lise has gone home. Annisa gives him the ribbon and hopes Lise will come out to see him. Much to his surprise it is the Widow Simone who comes out, Lise's mother. Simone is not happy to see Colas, she does not want her daughter to marry a common farm hand.

The field workers return from the field and barter with Simone for sheafs of wheat, to be made into flour. Simone tries to keep Lise away from Colas and out of trouble by keeping Lise busy with chores. Sweeping and churning butter are today's work. But when Simone goes inside, Colas appears and expresses his love for Lise. Lise's friends also distract her from her chores in hopes that Lise will abandon her work and have some fun.

Simone returns to find Lise playing with friends and scolds her soundly. Just as Lise is about to be punished, guests arrive. Madam Claudette and her son Alain have come to meet Lise and her mother. Claudette and Simone have decided to have their children marry. It will be a perfect match, Alain is very rich and can provide a stable life for Lise. The only problem? Alain does not want to get married, ever.

CAST IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

COLAS
Thane Kimple

FARM HANDS
Bianca Caluori, Signy Johnson, Penny Kulic, Emma Rose Reese Starling, Ava Zwickel

ROOSTER
Seamus Smith

CHICKENS
Alexandra Boehm, Fiona Carty, Eva Guzman, Emma Ireland Emma Pearson

MILKMAID & FARM BOY
Thomas Smith, Lanni Straka

WIDOW SIMONE
Tami Small

LISE
Erin Murphy

ANISA (LISE'S BEST FRIEND)
Brooke Jackson

VILLAGE GIRLS
Brooke Jackson, Alyssa Laudato, Lea Patak, Sophia Pesci
Hudson Segnit, Natalya Shannon

MADAM CLAUDETTE
Kara Smith

ALAIN
Grace Musante

ACT 2

After a hard morning of field work and chores, the villagers plan to spend the day by the pond have a picnic. The villagers dance to the music of Colas's flute. But Alain shows up and steals the flute, making mischief. The villagers then manage to swipe it from Alain and—thinking it is missing—Alain goes off to hunt for it.

While Alain is gone, Colas takes the opportunity to spend some time with Lise. But Simone and Claudette catch the couple and chase Colas off. To calm Simone and Claudette's anger, Lise suggests the mothers perform a clog duet. Both mothers jump at the chance to show off, after a small show of modesty.

The highlight of the picnic is when the maypole is set up. All join in a lively dance around the pole. The dance is interrupted by a fierce summer storm, which blows the maypole, ribbons and villagers around the field.

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FLUTE DANCE
Bianca Caluori, Brooke Jackson, Signy Johnson, Aria Kimple, Thane Kimple, Penny Kulic, Alyssa Laudato, Erin Murphy, Lea Patak, Sophia Pesci, Emma Rose, Hudson Segnit, Natalya Shannon, Reese Starling, Isabella Willkomm, Ava Zwickel

RIBBON DANCE
Brooke Jackson, Aria Kimple, Alyssa Laudato, Lea Patak, Sophia Pesci, Hudson Segnit, Natalya Shannon, Isabella Willkomm

CLOG DANCE
Tami Small, Kara Smith, Brooke Jackson, Aria Kimple, Lea Patak, Sophia Pesci, Hudson Segnit, Isabella Willkomm

MAYPOLE DANCE
Katelyn Bilodeau, Fiona Carty, Eva Guzman, Emma Ireland, Mila Jablonski, Brooke Jackson, Signy Johnson, Aria Kimple,

Thane Kimple, Penny Kulic, Alyssa Laudato, Erin Murphy, Grace Musante, Lea Patak, Emma Pearson, Sophia Pesci, Emma Rose, Hudson Segnit, Natalya Shannon, Reese Starling, Thomas Stipak, Lanni Straka, Isabella Willkomm, Ava Zwickel

ACT 3

Simone and Lise have returned home to await the arrival of Claudette and Alain for a small wedding. Simone is anxious to have Lise married, before she can get herself into any more mischief with Colas. She tries to keep Lise busy by spinning yarn, and Simone is sure to keep the key to the door tightly in her grasp.

Loud knocking startles Simone and Lise. Lise worries it is Alain, coming to marry her. But it is only the farm hands delivering the wheat and collecting payment. As they leave, Lise tries to sneak out with them. Simone is too smart for that! She leaves the house to see what is taking Claudette and Alain so long, locking Lise in.

Lise is sad and imagines a life where she marries her true love, Colas, and has many lovely children. As Lise is busy playing pretend, Colas jumps out from the pile of wheat! Lise is extremely embarrassed to have been caught playing house. Simone is on her way back and Colas must hide before he is caught. With no where to hide, Colas must hide in Lise's bedroom.

Simone comes home and is instantly suspicious that Lise has been up to no good. She locks Lise in her bedroom to await the arrival of Alain. Upon arrival, it is clear that Alain is still not happy to be getting married. Claudette gives him no choice, and he uses the key to unlock Lise's bedroom. When Lise AND Colas emerge, Claudette goes into a rage and takes a relieved Alain with her.

With Alain gone, Simone agrees to allow Lise and Colas to marry. In the end, everyone is happy. Lise and Colas marry, and Alain can spend another day with his umbrella!

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FARM HANDS

Bianca Caluori, Signy Johnson, Penny Kulic, Emma Rose Reese Starling, Ava Zwickel

WEDDING CELEBRATION

Katelyn Bilodeau, Bianca Caluori, Mila Jablonski, Brooke Jackson, Signy Johnson, Aria Kimple, Thane Kimple, Penny Kulic, Alyssa Laudato, Erin Murphy, Grace Musante, Lea Patak,

Sophia Pesci, Emma Rose, Hudson Segnit, Natalya Shannon, Reese Starling, Thomas Stipak, Lanni Straka, Isabella Willkomm, Ava Zwickel

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