

Massenet

Manon

Royal Opera House

Sarah Lamb and **Vadim Muntagirov** star as tragic lovers Manon and Des Grieux in this performance of **Kenneth MacMillan's** *Manon*, a classic of the Royal Ballet repertory.

Nicholas Georgiadis's period designs set the ballet in the contrasting worlds of Paris Luxury and Louisiana swampland, while the **intense emotion** of MacMillan's choreography is complemented by a score drawn from Massenet's music.

The impassioned *pas de deux* from Manon and Des Grieux drive this tragic story, and make *Manon* one of MacMillan's **most powerful dramas**.

Recorded in true Surround Sound.

Sarah Lamb	Manon
Vadim Muntagirov	Des Grieux
Ryoichi Hirano	Lescaut
Gary Avis	Monsieur G.M.
Itziar Mendizabal	Lescaut's Mistress
Kristen McNally	Madame
Thomas Whitehead	The Gaoler
James Hay	Beggar Chief
Artists of the Royal Ballet	

Choreographer	Kenneth MacMillan
Music	Jules Massenet (orch. Martin Yates)
Designer	Nicholas Georgiadis

Orchestra of the Royal Opera House	
Conductor	Martin Yates

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1 X DVD / 1 X Blu-ray

Extra Features: An Introduction; Creating the Courtesans; Darcey Bussell interviews Deborah MacMillan

"Kenneth MacMillan's retelling of Abbé Prévost's cautionary tale of a young man brought low by an amoral young beauty has been a mainstay of the Royal Ballet repertoire since 1974. The current revival is vividly played and danced by some first-rate casts." (*The Financial Times* ★★★★★)

"Vadim Muntagirov made his debut as Des Grieux, bringing puppyish, longing and a beautiful, long line to the characters yearning solos. As Manon, Sarah Lamb was heart-breaking, the delicious delicacy of her early scenes replaced by an overwhelming sensual pleasure in her own power, and finally despair." (*The Telegraph* ★★★★★)

"Irresistible..." (*The Daily Express* ★★★★★)

