

PRESS RELEASE

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John Neumeier's *Lady of the Camellias* at the National Centre for the Performing Arts in Beijing

In February the HAMBURG BALLET embarks on a trip to China. From February 3, John Neumeier and his company will be performing in Beijing, at the China National Center for Performing Arts. They present six performances of John Neumeier's classic ballet *Lady of the Camellias*, based on Alexandre Dumas Fils' novel. Three different casts are scheduled: Apart from the couples Joëlle Boulogne/Alexandre Riabko and Silvia Azzoni/Thiago Bordin, who danced Marguerite Gautier and Armand Duval on the Japan tour and in Hamburg last season, Hélène Bouchet and Edvin Revazov will make their debuts as the legendary lovers.

This is the HAMBURG BALLET's third tour to China. In 1999 the company presented *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, among others, in Shanghai, Peking and Hong Kong. In 2003, on another trip to Hong Kong, they danced *Nijinsky*, *St. Matthew Passion* and *Lady of the Camellias*.

This year, the HAMBURG BALLET will be accompanied by a film team of the TV station *Arte*. An extra-curricular programme is being planned in cooperation with the Goethe-Institut and the German Embassy.

There will be no performances in Hamburg in February. From March 5 the HAMBURG BALLET will be back on the stage of the Hamburg State Opera with *La Sylphide* and *Death in Venice*.

Das HAMBURG BALLETT im China National Center for Performing Arts, Peking:

Lady of the Camellias

Ballet by John Neumeier
after the novel of Alexandre Dumas fils
Music: Frédéric Chopin
Choreography and Staging: John Neumeier
Scenery and Costumes: Jürgen Rose
Solo piano: Richard Hoynes
and recorded Music
Performances: February 3-6, 8, 9, 7.30 p.m.

Weitere Informationen: www.chncpa.org/n16/welcome.html

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