Ballet in two acts after the novel by Lev Tolstoy

Music: Rodion Shchedrin
Choreography: Alexei Ratmansky
Musical direction: Valery Gergiev

FILMED AT Mariinsky Theatre, St Petersburg
IN March 2014
TV DIRECTOR Vincent Massip
RUNNING TIME 1x90’
**ARTISTIC INFORMATION**

**SYNOPSIS**

*Anna Karenina* is the tragic story of a married aristocrat/socialite and her affair with the affluent Count Vronsky. The story starts when she arrives in the midst of a family broken up by her brother's unbridled womanizing — something that prefigures her own later situation, though she would experience less tolerance by others. A bachelor, Vronsky is eager to marry her if she would agree to leave her husband Karenin, a government official, but she is vulnerable to the pressures of Russian social norms, her own insecurities, and Karenin's indecision. Although Vronsky and Anna go to Italy, where they can be together, they have trouble making friends. Back in Russia, she is shunned, becoming further isolated and anxious, while Vronsky pursues his social life. Despite Vronsky's reassurances, she grows increasingly possessive and paranoid about his imagined infidelity, fearing loss of control.

**PERFORMERS**

- Ulyana Lopatkina ........................................................................... *Anna Karenina*
- Victor Baranov ........................................................................... *Alexei Karenin*
- Andrei Ermakov ......................................................................... *Count Vronsky*
- Svetlana Ivanova ........................................................................ *Princess Shcherbatskaya (Kitty)*
- Dmitry Pykhachov ....................................................................... *Stepan Oblonsky (Steve)*
- Xenia Ostreikovskaya ............................................................. *Daria Oblonskaya (Dolly)*
- Filipp Stepin ................................................................................ *Konstantin Levin*
- Sofia Gumerova ........................................................................... *Princess Betsy*

Mariinsky Theatre Ballet and Orchestra

**ARTISTIC STAFF**

- **Musical Direction:** Valery Gergiev
- **Choreographer:** Alexei Ratmansky
- **Sets and Costumes:** Mikael Melbye
- **Graphic / Video designer:** Wendall Harrington
- **Lighting:** Jørn Melin
- **Dramaturgy:** Martin Tulinius
- **Assistant Choreographer:** Tatiana Ratmanskaya

**PRODUCTION**

**PRODUCTION COMPANIES** Telmondis, Mariinsky Theatre, in association with Mezzo, with the participation of France Télévisions and the support of the CNC

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