Les Parapluies de Cherbourg

World Premiere – Symphonic Version
Conducted by Michel Legrand
With Natalie Dessay, Laurent Naouri, Marie Oppert, Vincent Niclo

FILMED AT Théâtre musical de Paris-Châtelet
IN September 2014
TV DIRECTOR: Denis Caïozzi
RUNNING TIME: 1x90'

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**ARTISTIC INFORMATION**

**SYNOPSIS**


Geneviève lives with her widowed mother, who owns an umbrella shop in Cherbourg. She and Guy, an auto mechanic, are secretly in love and want to marry. Shortly after this, Guy is drafted to serve the Algerian War. Before leaving, Guy and Geneviève consummate their love for each other, which results in her becoming pregnant. While Guy is away at war they drift apart. Geneviève, strongly encouraged by her mother, accepts a marriage proposal from Roland Cassard, a jeweler, who has fallen in love and has promised to bring up her child as his own. Guy is wounded and is discharged before his two-year term is up, but when he returns to Cherbourg Geneviève has already married and moved away. He struggles with depression and anger, but eventually is healed by falling in love with and marrying Madeleine, a young woman who had been caring for his dying aunt. Using an inheritance from his aunt, Guy fulfills his ambition of opening a service station. Years later, the now conspicuously wealthy Geneviève, travelling with her daughter, Guy’s child, accidentally runs into Guy at his service station. While the two have only a brief conversation about the state of their respective lives, the conversation is clearly fraught with unspoken fondness and regret.

**PERFORMERS**

*Geneviève* ................................................................. Marie Oppert
*Guy* ............................................................................. Vincent Niclo
*Madame Emery* .......................................................... Natalie Dessay
*Roland Cassard* .......................................................... Laurent Naouri
*Madeleine* ................................................................. Louise Leterme
*Aunt Elise* ..................................................................... Jasmine Roy
*M. Dubourg & Aubin* ..................................................... Franck Vincent

**ARTISTIC STAFF**

**Musical direction:** Michel Legrand  |  **Book:** Jacques Demy
**Music:** Michel Legrand  |  **Stage director:** Vincent Vittoz
**Set design:** Vincent Vittoz and Jean-Jacques Sempé
**Costumes:** Vanessa Seward

**PRODUCTION**

**Production companies** Telmondis, Théâtre musical de Paris-Châtelet, France Télévisions, Culture Box and the support of the CNC

**Associate producer** Antoine Perset, Denis Morlière

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