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## Chan Hon Goh and Xiao Nan Yu Perform in *The Seagull* with the Hamburg Ballet

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January 9, 2009... Principal Dancers **Chan Hon Goh** and **Xiao Nan Yu** have been invited to guest with the Hamburg Ballet in John Neumeier's *The Seagull*. Ms. Goh will perform the role of Masha on January 12 & 13, 2009 and Ms. Yu will dance the role of Arkadina on January 22 & 24, 2009.

The North American premiere of *The Seagull* opened The National Ballet of Canada's 2008/09 season last November to critical success and was selected as one of the top performances in 2008 by many critics. The Globe and Mail called it "a monumental achievement", the Toronto Star wrote "this Seagull flies" while the National Post described it as a "moving take on Chekhov".

The National Ballet of Canada's Winter Season will open in Toronto at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts with *Innovation*, a programme of three world premieres by three young Canadian choreographers, on stage March 4 – 8, 2009 and continues with John Cranko's classic retelling of *Romeo and Juliet* March 11 – 22, 2009.

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The 2008/09 season is presented by CTV and The Globe and Mail.

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