A French Girl in Buenos Aires

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Tanguera, winner of the award *Clarín Espectáculos* 2002 to the best musical and five awards given by ACE (Argentinian Association of Critics of the Entertainment Industry), will return tonight at 9:00 pm to El Nacional (960 Corrientes Ave; tickets on sale). "We launched the show in January 2002 with an investment of 500,000 dollars in the midst of the financial crisis. We were practically reconciled with the idea that the show would be on stage just a few days. But we got an incredible response from the audience, and we were on stage until November 18. After that, we went to Spain for four months, and later China," Diego Romay, the producer of the tango musical, tells us.

Through its brazen choreographies, *Tanguera* narrates the story of a young French girl (Mora Godoy), an immigrant who arrives in Buenos Aires at the beginning of the 20th century following a marriage promise. Unfortunately, she ends up in a milieu of brothels and lower-class districts, where two men (dancers Antonio Cervila from Brazil and Esteban Domenichini) will fight for her love. The play, under the direction of Omar Pacheco, features the legendary María Nieves playing the role of the Madam. Gerardo Gardelín is the musical director and Eladia Blázquez wrote the songs.

After two months at El Nacional Theater, the play will be presented in Chile, Mexico, Europe, and Asia.