

# Press Release

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## English National Ballet celebrates its annual Christmas Season with a sparkling celebrity party

English National Ballet will host a spectacular star-studded party on 14 December at St Martins Lane to celebrate the sumptuous Christmas production of ***The Nutcracker*** at the London Coliseum. Guests will arrive at 5.30pm before heading to the theatre next door at 7.30pm to see a performance of *The Nutcracker*.

This magical production, choreographed by Wayne Eagling, opens English National Ballet's Christmas season. It follows the World Premiere in 2010, which proved a real Christmas cracker, enjoyed by almost 70,000 people.

St Martins Lane will be transformed into a winter wonderland for the party by florist Laura Kuy, with Swarovski adding extra sparkle. Swarovski have donated more than 100,000 crystals to the costumes and sets for *The Nutcracker*.

Guests will be treated to Champagne, cocktails and canapés from Asia de Cuba. The stars of English National Ballet will mingle with guests in costume, adding to the magical atmosphere.

To end the evening guests will move over to the London Coliseum for a performance of *The Nutcracker*, with goody bags full of gorgeous Christmas gifts from our friends.

English National Ballet's Christmas party has quickly become a firm favourite in the winter social calendar. Previous guests have included Kate Moss, Bianca Jagger, Paloma Faith, Cherie Blair, Sadie Frost, Jerry Hall, Tom Hardy, Holly Branson, Dominic West and Brian Friedman.

English National Ballet's London Coliseum season features Wayne Eagling's *The Nutcracker*, 8 – 30 December and Derek Deane's dazzling homage to George Gershwin, *Strictly Gershwin*, 4 – 15 January 2011.

To book tickets call 0871 911 0200 or visit [www.ballet.org.uk](http://www.ballet.org.uk)

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