

English National Ballet announces promotions and new joiners for its 2016/2017 season

Tamara Rojo, Artistic Director of English National Ballet has today announced promotions within the Company and new joiners for the 2016/2017 season.

Following his success at this year's Emerging Dancer competition, where he won both the Emerging Dancer and People's Choice Award, **Cesar Corrales** is promoted to First Soloist.

Other promotions for next season include **Ken Saruhashi**, who has been promoted to Junior Soloist, **Barry Drummond**, **Stina Quagebeur** and **Jinhao Zhang** have been promoted to First Artist, and **Rina Kanehara** has been promoted within the Artist of the Company rank to 8th Year Artist.

As previously announced **Shiori Kase** and **Laurette Summerscales** were promoted to Principal mid-season.

Currently a member of Compañía Nacional de Danza, **Aitor Arrieta** joins English National Ballet as Junior Soloist.

Joining as Artists of the Company are **Georgia Bould**, who joins following her performances over the autumn/winter season, **Emily Suzuki** from English National Ballet School, **Giorgio Garrett** from the National Ballet of Canada, **Francesca Velicu** from Romanian National Ballet, and **Connie Vowles** who joined mid-season from the Royal Ballet School.

Kei Akahoshi, **Désirée Ballantyne**, **Naomi Bottomer**, **Josephine Frick** and **Ksenia Ovsyanick** left the Company at the end of the 2015/2016 season.

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