

English National Ballet

Nutcracker

National Tour

Wednesday 29 November 2017 – Saturday 06 January 2018

Performance times and ticket prices vary

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This Christmas season **English National Ballet** presents its acclaimed production of *Nutcracker* at **Southampton's Mayflower Theatre** (29 November – 02 December 2017) as well as returning to the **London Coliseum** (13 December 2017 – 06 January 2018).

Last year saw English National Ballet's most successful *Nutcracker* run on record, when over 79,000 people made a performance at the London Coliseum a part of their holiday celebrations. This year's tour of Wayne Eagling's version continues the Company's tradition of presenting a *Nutcracker* production every year since 1950, its founding year.

On a sparkling Christmas Eve in a frost-dusted Edwardian London, Clara and her enchanted Nutcracker doll discover a magical world where she battles with the Mouse King and meets a handsome stranger. As the air grows colder, Clara and her valiant Nutcracker take a hot air balloon ride across London to the glistening Land of Snow where her adventure really begins.

Over 100 dancers and musicians bring to life the popular Tchaikovsky score featuring the *Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy* and *Waltz of the Flowers*, performed live by English National Ballet Philharmonic.

Based on a concept by **Toer van Schayk** and **Wayne Eagling**, *Nutcracker* has choreography by Wayne Eagling and music by **Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky**, with design by **Peter Farmer** and lighting by **David Richardson**.

To coincide with *Nutcracker*, English National Ballet will host a range of workshops and events, aimed to provide a gateway into the world of ballet. Activities include **on-stage workshops** for all ages, **Live Drawing**, **Family Events**, and **behind-the-scenes talks**. The **Family Friendly** performance of *Nutcracker* is on Saturday 6 January 2018, 2.30pm. Children under 5 may attend this performance and up to two children under 16 can go free with each full paying adult. For more details, see www.ballet.org.uk/whats-on

Press nights:

Mayflower Theatre, Southampton: Wednesday 29 November at 7.30pm

London Coliseum: Wednesday 13 December at 7.30pm

Ends

For further information, interview requests and images please contact Alice Gibson, Press Officer at alice.gibson@ballet.org.uk or call 020 7590 2932.

For further information about English National Ballet and to book tickets visit www.ballet.org.uk. Please note performance details are subject to change.

Notes to editors:

Listings information:

Nutcracker

Mayflower Theatre, Southampton

29 November 2017 – 02 December 2017

Box Office: 023 8071 1811 or www.ballet.org.uk/nutcracker

Tickets: £11.50 - £48.50

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London Coliseum

13 December 2017 – 06 January 2018

Box Office: 020 7845 9300 or www.ballet.org.uk/nutcracker

Tickets: £14.00 - £79.00

Booking fees may apply.