

English National Ballet

Autumn - Winter Season

Lest We Forget / *Manon* / *Swan Lake* / *Nutcracker*

20 September 2018 – 20 January 2019

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This Autumn-Winter Season, English National Ballet presents four critically acclaimed productions, **Lest We Forget**, *Manon*, *Swan Lake*, and *Nutcracker*.



To commemorate the end of the First World War, English National Ballet's acclaimed **Lest We Forget** programme returns to **Sadler's Wells, London**, in September 2018, opening the company's 2018/2019 Season. Featuring three poignant works, **Lest We Forget** reflects on the experiences of those who fought in the conflict, and those who stayed behind. Drawing on superb design and evocative scores, choreographers **Liam Scarlett**, **Russell Maliphant** and **Akram Khan** have created dance pieces full of unforgettable and haunting images.

Continuing its commitment to UK touring and presenting world-class ballet to the widest possible audience, Autumn 2018 sees English National Ballet present Sir Kenneth MacMillan's *Manon* outside London for only the second time in 30 years, touring to **Manchester**, **Southampton**, and **Milton Keynes**. Famous for its expressive choreography and dramatic challenge, *Manon* features some of the most demanding and fulfilling roles in ballet. *Manon* is accompanied by Jules Massenet's haunting music performed live by English National Ballet Philharmonic.

Also performed as part of English National Ballet's Autumn tour is its hugely successful production of the timeless classic, *Swan Lake*, choreographed by Derek Deane. Touring to **Liverpool** and **Bristol**, *Swan Lake* features some of the most iconic scenes in ballet performed to Tchaikovsky's glorious score performed live by English National Ballet Philharmonic.

Following performances of *Manon* and *Swan Lake* on tour, English National Ballet will present both productions at the **London Coliseum** in January 2019.

Continuing its Christmas tradition of presenting a Nutcracker production each year since 1950, English National Ballet's ***Nutcracker*** returns to the **London Coliseum** following sold out performances in 2016 and 2017. 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.

Alongside performances, English National Ballet will host a range of workshops and events throughout the Autumn/ Winter Season, 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. For more details, see <https://www.ballet.org.uk/whats-on/>

Ends

For further information, interview requests and images please contact Alice Gibson, Senior Press Officer on 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:

Lest We Forget

Sadler's Wells, London

Thursday 20 September – Saturday 29 September 2018

Press night: Thursday 20 September, 7.30pm

Box Office: 020 7863 8000 or www.ballet.org.uk/lestweforget

Manon

Manchester Opera House

Wednesday 17 October – Saturday 20 October 2018

Press night: Wednesday 17 October, 7.30pm

Box Office: 0844 871 3018 or www.ballet.org.uk/manon

Manon

Milton Keynes Theatre

Wednesday 24 October – Saturday 27 October 2018

Press night: Wednesday 24 October, 7.30pm

Box Office: 0844 871 7652 or www.ballet.org.uk/manon

Manon

Mayflower Theatre, Southampton

Wednesday 31 October – Saturday 03 November 2018

Press night: Wednesday 31 October, 7.30pm

Box Office: 02380 711811 or www.ballet.org.uk/manon

Swan Lake

Liverpool Empire

Wednesday 21 November – Saturday 24 November 2018

Press night: Wednesday 21 November, 7.30pm

Box Office: 0844 871 3017 or www.ballet.org.uk/swanlake

Swan Lake

Bristol Hippodrome

Tuesday 27 November – Saturday 01 December 2018

Press night: Tuesday 27 November, 7.30pm

Box Office: 0844 871 3012 or www.ballet.org.uk/swanlake

Nutcracker**London Coliseum**

Thursday 13 December – Sunday 30 December 2018

Press night: Thursday 13 December, 7.30pm

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

Swan Lake**London Coliseum**

Thursday 03 January – Sunday 13 January 2019

Press night: Thursday 03 January, 7.30pm

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

Manon**London Coliseum**

Wednesday 16 January – Sunday 20 January 2019

Press night: Wednesday 16 January, 7.30pm

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

About English National Ballet

English National Ballet has a long and distinguished history. Founded in 1950 as London Festival Ballet by the great English Dancers Alicia Markova and Anton Dolin, it has played a major role in the growth and history of ballet in the UK. Today, English National Ballet is renowned for taking world-class ballet to the widest possible audience through its national and international tour programme, offsite performances at festivals including Glastonbury and Latitude, its distinguished orchestra English National Ballet Philharmonic, and being a UK leader in creative learning and engagement practice and delivery, building innovative partnerships to deliver flagship programmes such as English National Ballet's Dance for Parkinson's. Under the artistic directorship of Tamara Rojo, English National Ballet has gained new acclaim as it introduces innovative new works to the Company's repertoire while continuing to honour and reinvigorate traditional ballet.