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English National Ballet

Manon

National Tour

17 October 2018 - 20 January 2019

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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 of London for only the second time in 30 years.

English National Ballet will present *Manon* in Manchester (17-20 October), Milton Keynes (24-27 October) and Southampton (31 October–03 November) followed by performances at the London Coliseum (16-20 January 2019).



English National Ballet, *Manon*. Dancers: Alina Cojocaru and Isaac Hernández © Jason Bell. Art Direction and Design Charlotte Wilkinson Studio.

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.

The young and naïve Manon is torn between two lives: privilege and opulence with the wealthy Monsieur GM, or innocent love with the penniless student Des Grieux.

Aristocrats and beggars, courtesans and harlots fill the stage as audiences are taken from a

gambling den in 18th-century Paris to a desolate Louisiana swamp in this, one of British ballet's most dramatic stories.

Alongside *Manon*, English National Ballet also presents *Swan Lake* as part of its Autumn Tour. Further details can be found at www.ballet.org.uk

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Notes to Editors

Listings information for Manon

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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

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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

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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

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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