

# English National Ballet

## *Nutcracker*

**London Coliseum**

**Thursday 13 – Sunday 30 December 2018**

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



*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 Sunday 30 December, 2pm. 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](http://www.ballet.org.uk/whats-on)

**Ends**

For further information, interview requests and images please contact Alice Gibson, PR Manager on [alice.gibson@ballet.org.uk](mailto: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](http://www.ballet.org.uk). Please note performance details are subject to change.

## **Notes to Editors**

### **Listings:**

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Box Office: 020 7845 9300 or [www.ballet.org.uk/nutcracker](http://www.ballet.org.uk/nutcracker)

#### **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.