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MITCRACKER DELIGHTS





This programme was designed for English National Ballet's planned season of *Nutcracker Delights* at the London Coliseum from 17 December 2020 — 3 January 2021.

As London moved into Tier 4 COVID-19 restrictions with the subsequent cancellation of all scheduled performances of *Nutcracker Delights*, the Company decided to film and share online, for free, a recording of this specially adapted production as a gift to our fans at the close of our 70th Anniversary year.

We have performed a version of *Nutcracker* every year since the Company was founded, and were determined to continue this muchloved tradition. We hope you'll enjoy seeing the performances of some of our incredible ENB dancers and musicians.

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NUTCRACKER DELIGHTS

Choreography Wayne Eagling
Based on a concept by Toer van Schayk and Wayne Eagling
Music Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Reduced Orchestration Gavin Sutherland
Design Peter Farmer
Lighting David Richardson

Nutcracker Delights adapted with kind permission of Wayne Eagling.

Nutcracker Delights is presented by English National Ballet Enterprises Limited.







A word from Tamara Rojo

Welcome to *Nutcracker Delights*. I am delighted that we are back on stage at the London Coliseum and that we are once again able to share our work, live in performance, with you all.

The extraordinary circumstances of 2020 have changed the way all of us work and live, and I believe more strongly than ever in the power of the arts to provide inspiration, shared experience, hope, and solace.

What a pleasure to mark our return to live performance by continuing a Christmas tradition we have held dear for 70 years. After a year that has been so difficult for so many, I am thrilled that we are able to bring some festive magic back to the stage.

I would like to thank our remarkable Company of dancers and wonderful orchestra, who have resumed rehearsal and performance in challenging conditions after lockdown with great enthusiasm and resilience. My heartfelt thanks also to our dedicated Artistic, Medical, Operational, and Technical teams, for the tremendous feat of facilitating our safe return to creating and performing work, and to every member of the ENB team for their essential work behind the scenes. Thank you also to our colleagues and friends at the London Coliseum, for working so collaboratively with us to deliver this season.

We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support of our Patrons and Friends, whose generosity and belief in our work is invaluable. On behalf of all of us here at English National Ballet, I also offer our sincere thanks to HM Treasury, the Culture Secretary, DCMS, and Arts Council England, whose investment in the Company via the Culture Recovery Fund has allowed us to continue to work, create, and contribute to our sector's recovery.

And, finally, thank you to each of you joining us here for this festive celebration. We are so very happy to be able to share this space with you again. I hope that you enjoy the performance.



Tamara Rojo CBE Artistic Director English National Ballet



Tamara Rojo © Karolina Kuras

A word from Martyn Wilson

Art enriches, enlivens and inspires. At a time when the challenges of the everyday are keeping so many of us apart, we need art more than ever. With theatres closed and audiences unable to gather for much of this year, we wanted to find a way to share the creativity of the stage, so that art could still live and moments which have lifted spirits for generations, could still be shared.

Bringing people together and offering them a chance to share in new experiences at this time is crucial and that's why we at NatWest are delighted to be the English National Ballet's first ever Principal Partner. Our aim is to work together to take ballet to a wider and more diverse audience and take its craft to new communities so that everyone can experience the joy of dance through ground-breaking performances.

Great art should be available to all because it allows us to not just understand ourselves but to understand each other. It can benefit everyone and helps build a more inclusive society, something NatWest is determined to champion.

I sincerely hope you enjoy tonight's performance.

Martyn Wilson

Head of Sponsorship & Hospitality NatWest Group



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English National Ballet has performed a version (and there have been many!) of *Nutcracker* every year since the Company was founded in 1950. The ballet has become a household name and is now seen in its many iterations by thousands of people in the UK every year.

Nutcracker was not, however, frequently performed in its entirety in the UK until London Festival Ballet, as we were then known, staged it in full in October 1950 for the Company's first London season at the Stoll Theatre. In the 70 years that have followed, the Company has performed a further eight different productions in full of Nutcracker, including the much-loved Wayne Eagling choreography of our current repertoire.

Nutcracker Delights is a special adaptation for 2020: it comprises a sparkling selection of divertissements from Eagling's festive favourite, all set to Tchaikovsky's sublime score, in a new orchestration by Gavin Sutherland.

Fittingly for our 70th anniversary year, it is, in some ways, a return to our beginnings: the Company's first official performance in August 1950 at the Kings Theatre in Southsea concluded with a performance of *Nutcracker's* final act – the *Kingdom of Sweets!* Our star and founder Alicia Markova was known for her portrayal of the Sugar Plum Fairy. Along with co-Founder Anton Dolin, and with Grace Cone and Nicholas Beriozoff, she then created a new, complete staging of *Nutcracker'after* Lev Ivanov', which premiered in London in October of that year.

English National Ballet's subsequent *Nutcrackers* were choreographed by David Lichine (1957); Jack Carter with André Howard, Vassilie Trunoff and others (1965); Ronald Hynd (1976); Peter Schaufuss (1986); Ben Stevenson (1991); Derek Deane (1997); and Christopher Hampson (2002). We first performed Wayne Eagling's *Nutcracker* in 2010. Schaufuss's production reframed the story as a study of

Tchaikovsky's family; Deane's gave it a modern setting complete with Barbie dolls and Robocops; Hampson's was a colourful cartoon fantasy with costume and set designs by cartoonist and illustrator Gerald Scarfe.

Nutcracker is arguably unique in its potential for both timelessness and reinvention — a trait mirrored in English National Ballet's seven-decade history as a company.

After a challenging 2020, more than 70 years after the Southsea audience were treated to the *Kingdom of Sweets, Nutcracker Delights* offers a joyful ride through many of the ballet's most beloved scenes. Long-time *Nutcracker* fans will instantly recognise the Sugar Plum pas de deux, Snowflakes, Flowers, Spanish and Russian dances, and more. Let our dancers and musicians transport you to the glittering Land of Snow and the vibrant Puppet Theatre. We are delighted to be able to share this magical world with you again.



Erina Takahashi as Clara and Skyler Martin as the Nutcracker in Wayne Eagling's *Nutcracker* in 2019 © Laurent Liotardo

NUTCRACKER DELIGHTS OVERVIEW

An irresistible selection of ballet's sweetest treats

Introduction to the story — animated film

- Nutcracker doll and Clara pas de deux
- Snowflakes
- Hot air balloon adventure
- Nutcracker, Clara and Drosselmeyer pas de trois
- Spanish dance
- Russian dance
- Chinese dance
- Flowers
- Sugar Plum Fairy and Prince pas de deux
- Coda

Finale



Rina Kanehara as Clara/Sugar Plum Fairy and Jeffrey Cirio as Nephew/ Prince in Wayne Eagling's Nutcracker in 2018 @ Laurent Liotardo

Tamara Rojo CBE

Tamara Rojo was appointed Artistic Director of English National Ballet in 2012. She combines this role with her dancing career, performing as Lead Principal with the Company.

Tamara trained in Madrid at the Victor Ullate School. She won a Gold Medal at the Paris International Dance Competition and a Special Jury Award unanimously given by a judging panel led by Natalia Makarova, Vladimir Vasiliev and Galina Samsova, who asked her to join Scottish Ballet.

Within six months of joining English National Ballet, Tamara was promoted to Principal, and went on to dance the full range of the Company's principal roles. Derek Deane created the roles of Juliet (Romeo & Juliet) and Clara (The Nutcracker) for her. Her performances as Clara broke all box office records at the London Coliseum and The Times named her "Dance Revelation of the Year". Tamara joined The Royal Ballet as a Principal at the invitation of Sir Anthony Dowell shortly after her highly acclaimed Guest Artist debut with the Company in Sir Peter Wright's Giselle, and danced there for 12 years.

Tamara has been repeatedly recognised for her artistic excellence. Her awards include: the 2010 Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Dance Production; Spain's three highest Honours, The Prince of Asturias Award, the Gold Medal of Fine Arts and Encomienda de Número de Isabel la Católica; the Benois de la Danse Award; Critics' Circle National Dance Award; Barclay's Outstanding Achievement in Dance Award; Positano Dance Award; Leonide Massine Premio al Valore; the Italian Critic's Award; and from the City of Madrid, both the International Medal of the Arts and the Interpretation Award.

She is a member of the Board of the Creative Industries Federation, the Anglo-Spanish Society, a Patron of the Ipswich-based DanceEast Academy, Patron of the Flamingo Chicks and Adviser to Spain's Superior Council of Artistic Studies. In January 2016 Tamara Rojo became D.A. Magna Cum Laude, presenting her thesis 'Psychological Profile of the Elite Dancer – Vocational Characteristics of the Professional Dancer' at Rey Juan Carlos University, and was awarded a CBE for her services to ballet in the Queen's 2016 New Year's Honours.

CREATIVES



Wayne Eagling Choreography

Birthplace Montreal, Canada

TrainingPatricia Ramsey
School of Dance Arts,
California Royal Ballet
School

Previous companies

The Royal Ballet 1969–1991; Dutch National Ballet, Artistic Director 1991–2003; English National Ballet, Artistic Director 2005–2012

English National Ballet

Created Resolution (2008), nominated for Best Classical Choreography at the Critics' Circle National Dance Awards; Men Y Men (2009); Nutcracker (2010); Jeux (2012)



Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky Composer

Birthplace Kamski-Votkinsk, Russia (1840–1893)

TrainingQualified as a lawyer in St Petersburg

Affiliations

Resigned his government post in 1862, Moscow Conservatoire (teacher), Composer and conductor (Russia, Europe, USA)

Created work

Operas including Eugene Onegin, The Queen of Spades. Ballets including Swan Lake, The Sleeping Beauty, The Nutcracker



Peter Farmer Designer

Birthplace Luton, UK (1941–2017)

Previous affiliations
The Kirov Ballet,
Vienna State Ballet,
The Australian Ballet,
Hong Kong Ballet,

Birmingham Royal Ballet, The Royal Ballet, Frankfurt, Munich, Cologne, Berlin and Rome Opera Houses, London Contemporary Dance Theatre, Rambert Dance Theatre and London City Ballet.

Created work

Designs for the Company included Night Shadow, Coppélia, Cinderella, Bourée Fantastique, Verdi Variations and The Storm, Swan Lake and Wayne Eagling's Nutcracker (2010).



David Richardson Lighting Design

Birthplace Crawley, UK

TrainingNational Youth Theatre

Lighting designed for The Sleeping Beauty, Angelina's Star

Performance, Angelina Ballerina's Big Audition, Wayne Eagling's world premieres of Resolution (2008), Men Y Men (2009) and Nutcracker (2010) for English National Ballet, Dance Umbrella and many productions at Riverside Studios

Previous affiliations

Shaw Theatre, Riverside Studios

English National BalletJoined 1986, Chief Electrician

EXECUTIVE AND MUSIC

Patrick Harrison

Executive Director

Birthplace

Norwich, UK

Training

Lancaster University, graduating with a first class degree in politics and international relations

Previous companies

Cambridge Arts Theatre (Executive Director); the National Theatre (Director of Commercial Operations); The British Museum and The National Gallery.

English National Ballet

Joined 2016

Career highlights

Overseeing the development of commercial and audience experience provision as part of the £80m NTFuture project, growing the National Theatre's trading company to an annual turnover of £13m.

Grace Chan

Chief Operating Officer

Birthplace

New Zealand

Training

Grace is a chartered accountant and has spent her professional life moving between the profession, and the charity and performing arts sector.

Previous companies

She spent 10 years at Deloitte as an advisor to growing companies, and has held permanent posts at the Royal Opera House, National Theatre, and London Theatre Company. Prior to joining English National Ballet, Grace was Finance Director at NESTA.

English National Ballet

Joined 2016. Grace played a key role in delivering the Company's new premises at London City Island.

Gavin Sutherland

Music Director and Orchestration

Birthplace

County Durham, UK

Training

University of Huddersfield – First Class Honours and Masters in Conducting, Orchestration and Piano. Kruczynski Prize for Piano and Davidson Prize for Distinction Brought to the Institution. In 2019, awarded Honorary Doctorate of the University for services to the music profession.

English National Ballet

Appointed Music Director June 2008.

Arranged and orchestrated Men Y Men
(Rachmaninoff); No Man's Land (Liszt); Akram
Khan's Giselle (Lamagna), reconstructions for
Le Corsaire and reduced orchestration for
Nutcracker Delights (Tchaikovsky). Others
include the Emerging Dancer competitions
and My First Ballet series. Made his Royal Opera
House debut in 2017 with the Company during
the Kenneth MacMillan National Celebration
performances. In 2018 he was nominated
at the Critics' Circle National Dance Awards
for Outstanding Creative Contribution, which
he then won in 2020.

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Lead Principals

Joseph Caley †
Jeffrey Cirio †
Alina Cojocaru
Francesco Gabriele Frola †
Isaac Hernández †
Fernanda Oliveira
Tamara Rojo CBE
Erina Takahashi

Principals

Shiori Kase Natascha Mair

Character Artists

Michael Coleman

First Soloists

Aitor Arrieta Emma Hawes Katja Khaniukova Alison McWhinney Fabian Reimair Ken Saruhashi Junor Souza James Streeter

Soloists

Rina Kanehara Skyler Martin Daniel McCormick

Junior Soloists

Precious Adams Julia Conway Tiffany Hedman Anjuli Hudson Senri Kou Erik Woolhouse

First Artists

Isabelle Brouwers Jung ah Choi Henry Dowden Sarah Kundi Van Le Ngoc Stina Quagebeur Francesca Velicu



English National Ballet dancers take class in a rehearsal studio at London City Island in 2019 © lan Gavan

Artists of the Company

Matthew Astley Claire Barrett~ Alice Bellini Rebecca Blenkinsop Georgia Bould Ivana Bueno Emilia Cadorin Fernando Carratalá Coloma Noam Durand Eireen Evrard Breanna Foad Carolyne Galvao Giorgio Garrett Matei Hadrian Holelu Amber Hunt Chloe Keneally Pedro Lapetra

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Gavin Sutherland

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Alexander Ingram Benjamin Pope

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Matthew Scrivener

Flutes

Helen Keen Lianne Barnard

Oboes

Jenny Brittlebank

Clarinets

Derek Hannigan Paul Allen

Bassoons

John McDougall

French Horns

Mark Johnson Alex Carr

Trumpets

Alex Cromwell Pat Crowther

Trombones

Andy Connington

Bass Trombones

Les Storey

Harps

Isobel Frayling-Cork

Celeste

Julia Richter Jonathan Beavis

Timpani

Kate Hext

Percussion

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Members of English National Ballet Philharmonic rehearse at London City Island in 2019 @ Laurent Liotardo

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Matthew Scrivener Rachel Allen **Emil Chakalov** Anne Martin Fiona Chesterman

Violin 2

Alain Petitclerc Susan Croot Steve Dinwoodie

Violas

Alex Koustas Linda Kidwell

Celli

Martin Thomas Ann Lines

Double Bass

Jeremy Gordon Dominic Black

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Flutes

Hazel Woodcock Emilia Zakreweska

Timpani Jon Raper

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Ruth Knell

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We want to continue changing the perceptions of what ballet is and what it can be. Donations to the Future Fund support our important work to continue to connect, inspire and enhance well-being across our artistic, engagement and community programmes.

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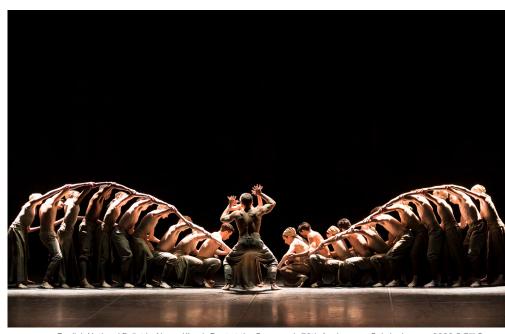
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English National Ballet in Akram Khan's Dust at the Company's 70th Anniversary Gala in January 2020 © Bill Cooper

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Sarah Kundi teaches a workshop to students in 2018 © Danilo Moroni

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Explore the narrative, characters and themes from *Nutcracker Delights* and create your own dances in a fun and creative ballet workshop with live music

Listen and learn

Take a tour around ENB's Costume Atelier and discover how our craftspeople translate the designers' creative visions and bring characters to life for the stage

Interact and develop your knowledge

Meet a Company dancer in a Q&A session, and find out more about being a professional dancer, touring and performing on stage

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