

English National Ballet release family favourite My First Ballet: Swan Lake on ENB at Home platform

An hour-long specially adapted version of the world's best-known ballet, *My First Ballet: Swan Lake* is the perfect treat to share with children and is available now on English National Ballet's **ENB at Home** platform.

The production, created as part of English National Ballet's *My First Ballet* series for children as young as three, features a narrator to help young viewers follow the story and provides the perfect introduction to the magic of ballet.



Performed by students of English National Ballet School, the production was recorded for archive when it toured the UK in 2018 and features choreography by Antonio Castilla, English National Ballet's Ballet Master and Repetiteur, and Dramaturgy by Lou Cope. This version follows the familiar story of Swan Lake but told from a different point of view. The lead role of Odette is performed by Chloe Keneally, who subsequently joined English National Ballet as an Artist in 2019.

Alongside the production itself, there are a series of widget symbols and other resources which aim to make ballet more accessible for all ages and abilities. These resources are available to download for free alongside the production and are designed for use before, during or after the performance.

Photos are available to download <u>here</u> using the login details below: Login: press Password: ENBPress2021



Watch the trailer for My First Ballet: Swan Lake here

Available to rent for 72 hours at £4.99 from <u>ondemand.ballet.org.uk</u> or the ENB at Home app on all <u>iOS</u> and <u>Android</u> devices.

My First Ballet: Swan Lake is the latest full-length production English National Ballet has made available to online audiences worldwide through Ballet on Demand. Other titles available to rent now include Derek Deane's *Swan Lake*, Akram Khan's award-winning *Giselle*, the epic pirate adventure *Le Corsaire* and the Company's first ever digital season, a series of five original dance films.

Ballet on Demand is part of ENB at Home, English National Ballet's dedicated video-on-demand platform which gives audiences access to a wide range of ballet content from the stage and beyond, from the comfort of their homes. Launched in November 2020, the platform also features BalletActive, a library of online ballet-based classes from the professionals at English National Ballet, available by subscription.

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English National Ballet brings world class ballet to the widest possible audience through performances across the UK and on eminent international stages including The Bolshoi Theatre and Palais Garnier; its digital platforms Ballet on Demand and BalletActive; its distinguished orchestra, English National Ballet Philharmonic; and being a UK leader in creative learning and engagement practice, building innovative partnerships to deliver flagship programmes such as English National Ballet's Dance for Parkinson's.

Under the artistic directorship of Tamara Rojo CBE, English National Ballet has introduced groundbreaking new works to the Company's repertoire whilst continuing to honour the tradition of great classical ballet, gaining acclaim for artistic excellence and creativity. 2019 saw English National Ballet enter a new chapter in its history with a move into a purpose-built state-of-the-art home in East London, Mulryan Centre for Dance, which brings a renewed commitment to, and freedom for, creativity, ambition, and connection to more people, near and far, than ever before. www.ballet.org.uk