

# English National Ballet

## *Nutcracker*

London Coliseum

16 December 2021 - 8 January 2022

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English National Ballet's *Nutcracker* is returning to the stage this Christmas. The festive family favourite will be performed at the beautiful **London Coliseum** in the heart of the West End, from **16 December 2021 – 8 January 2022**.



Following a year in which COVID-19 restrictions meant English National Ballet was unable to present a live version of *Nutcracker* for the first time in the Company's 70-year history, this December sees the show return to the theatre and live audiences.

This production by Wayne Eagling encapsulates all that is loved most about the festive ballet. Over 100 dancers and musicians will bring the popular Tchaikovsky score to life, including the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy and Waltz of the Flowers performed live by English National Ballet Philharmonic.

*On a sparkling Christmas Eve in a frost-dusted Edwardian London, Clara receives an enchanted Nutcracker as a present. Together, they 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 a puppet theatre comes to life with dancers from around the world.*

English National Ballet has performed a version of *Nutcracker* every year since it was founded in 1950. Despite last year's restrictions, the Company maintained this tradition by filming a specially adapted production of *Nutcracker* and sharing it online for audiences to enjoy from home.

Photos for *Nutcracker* are available to download [here](#) using the login details below:

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Tickets are available to book now, visit [www.ballet.org.uk/nutcracker](http://www.ballet.org.uk/nutcracker) for more information.

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## **Notes to Editors**

### **English National Ballet**

#### ***Nutcracker***

#### **London Coliseum**

Thursday 16 December 2021 - Saturday 8 January 2022

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### **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 been at the forefront of ballet's growth and evolution ever since.

English National Ballet brings world-class ballet to the widest possible audience through live 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 ground-breaking 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 when it moved into a purpose-built state-of-the-art home in east London, Mulryan Centre for Dance, bringing a renewed commitment to, and freedom for, creativity, ambition, and connection to more people, near and far, than ever before.

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