

English National Ballet

Solstice

Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall, London
16 - 26 June 2021

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This summer (16 - 26 June) English National Ballet presents Solstice, a programme of diverse repertoire highlights, at the Southbank Centre's Royal Festival Hall.



Solstice features highlights from classics like *Swan Lake*, *The Sleeping Beauty*, and *Le Corsaire* as well as a passionate duet from *Broken Wings*, Annabelle Lopez Ochoa's ballet inspired by the life of Frida Kahlo, Stina Quagebeur's *Hollow* and joyous steps from *Coppélia*. There are moments of reflection and tenderness in extracts from Akram Khan's *Dust* and Ben Stevenson's *Three Preludes*, set to Rachmaninov's music and the programme concludes with William Forsythe's *Playlist (Track 1, 2)*, a high-energy work set to neo-soul and house music.

Tamara Rojo CBE, English National Ballet's Artistic Director said: "I'm so pleased we will be performing at the Royal Festival Hall this summer. After so long without performing in theatres it's wonderful to have the opportunity to have so many of the Company back on stage showcasing highlights from English National Ballet's much loved and diverse repertoire."

Accompanied by live music performed by musicians of English National Ballet Philharmonic, Solstice follows English National Ballet's return to the stage at Sadler's Wells earlier this month.

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English National Ballet is grateful for the generous grant it has been awarded through the Government's Culture Recovery Fund, which allows it to continue to create, perform and serve its audiences.

English National Ballet is a National Portfolio Organisation supported by Arts Council England.

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Playlist (Track 1,2) was co-producer by Sadler's Wells.

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Notes to Editors

Repertoire:

The performance will include excerpts from -

Kenneth MacMillan's *The Sleeping Beauty*

Dust by Akram Khan

Three Preludes by Ben Stevenson

Anna-Marie Holmes' *Le Corsaire*, after Marius Petipa and Konstantin Sergeyev

Ronald Hynd's *Coppélia*

Broken Wings by Annabelle Lopez Ochoa

Hollow by Stina Quagebeur

Derek Deane's *Swan Lake*

Playlist (Track 1, 2) by William Forsythe (full performance)

Listings:

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Wednesday 16 June - Saturday 26 June 2021

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This performance runs for approximately 90 minutes with no interval.

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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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About the Southbank Centre

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Following the Covid-19 crisis, the Arts Council developed a £160 million Emergency Response Package with nearly 90% coming from the National Lottery, for organisations and individuals needing support. We are also one of several bodies administering the Government's Culture Recovery Fund and unprecedented support package of £1.57 billion for the culture and heritage sector. Find out more at www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19