

English National Ballet *Nutcracker* National Tour

Wednesday 29 November 2023 – Sunday 7 January 2024

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English National Ballet's *Nutcracker* is touring nationally this Christmas with performances at Southampton's Mayflower Theatre from 29 November – 2 December and the London Coliseum from 14 December – 7 January 2024.



Julia Conway as Sugar Plum Fairy and ENB dancers in Nutcracker © Laurent Liotardo

The much-loved festive family treat returns for 40 performances, continuing English National Ballet's tradition of presenting a version of *Nutcracker* every year since it was founded in 1950. In this production, choreographed by Wayne Eagling, over 100 dancers and musicians will bring the classic story and Tchaikovsky's iconic score to life, including the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy and Waltz of the Flowers, played 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.

A perfect Christmas production for both regular attendees and first-time ballet goers, last year, over 70,000 audience members attended English National Ballet's *Nutcracker* run at the London Coliseum. The production returns to the Mayflower Theatre for the first time since sold out performances in 2017.

Alongside its performances, English National Ballet will host a range of workshops and events, offering an introduction and insight into the world of ballet. Activities include onstage workshops for all ages, craft making, family friendly performances, and behind-the-scenes talks. For more information see www.ballet.org.uk

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

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Listings:

English National Ballet
Nutcracker

Mayflower Theatre, Southampton

Wednesday 29 November – Saturday 2 December 2023

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London Coliseum

Thursday 14 December 2023 – Sunday 7 January 2024

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Credits:

Choreography: Wayne Eagling

Music: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Design: Peter Farmer

Lighting Design: David Richardson

Notes to Editors

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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 performances across the UK and on eminent international stages; its distinguished orchestra, English National Ballet Philharmonic; its digital platforms Ballet on Demand and BalletActive; being a UK leader in creative learning and engagement practice, building innovative partnerships to deliver flagship programmes such as Dance for Parkinson's; and through talent development initiatives including Ballet Futures which looks to create a more diverse and inclusive future for the artform.

English National Ballet continues to add ground-breaking new works to its repertoire whilst celebrating the tradition of great classical ballet, gaining acclaim for artistic excellence and creativity. 2019 saw the Company enter a new chapter in its history with a move to a purpose-built state-of-the-art home in east London, allowing a renewed commitment to creativity, ambition, and connection to more people, near and far, than ever before.