

English National Ballet

Our Voices

Sadler's Wells

Thursday 21 – Saturday 30 September 2023

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English National Ballet today announces **Principal Casting** for its upcoming triple bill, **Our Voices**. Opening the first season programmed by Artistic Director **Aaron S. Watkin**, *Our Voices* showcases the strength and versatility of the Company and premieres at **Sadler's Wells** from **Thursday 21 - Saturday 30 September 2023**

Our Voices includes the World Premiere of a new interpretation of ***Les Noces*** by American choreographer **Andrea Miller** with artwork conceived by renowned artist, the late **Phyllida Barlow**. Marking 100 years since the premiere of the Stravinsky's revolutionary score, this powerful new work sees the dancers joined on stage by a live chorus from **Opera Holland Park**, accompanied by English National Ballet Philharmonic.

Returning to English National Ballet for the first time in 15 years, one of the world's leading neo-classical choreographers, **David Dawson** presents the World Premiere of his latest creation ***Four Last Songs***. An uplifting and poignant work, *Four Last Songs* explores the beauty of humanity and the circle of life, set to the final score by Richard Strauss.

Completing the programme for *Our Voices* is ***Theme and Variations*** from one of ballet's most influential choreographers, **George Balanchine**. New to English National Ballet's repertoire, *Theme and Variations* sees 13 couples take to the stage in a beautiful showcase of virtuosity, featuring new designs by **Roberta Guidi di Bagno**.

Principal Casting:

Thursday 21 September, 7.30pm

Theme and Variations

Principal Woman: Emma Hawes

Principal Man: Aitor Arrieta

Les Noces

Chosen One: Breanna Foad

Mother: Alice Bellini

Father: James Streeter

Son: Rentaro Nakaaki

Priest: Henry Dowden

Chosen One: Francesca Velicu

Four Last Songs

Principals: Sangeun Lee, Emma Hawes, Erina Takahashi

Francesco Gabriele Frola, Aitor Arrieta

Friday 22 September, 7.30pm

Theme and Variations

Principal Woman: Katja Khaniukova

Principal Man: Francesco Gabriele Frola

Les Noces

Chosen One: Breanna Foad

Mother: Alice Bellini

Father: James Streeter

Son: Rentaro Nakaaki

Priest: Henry Dowden

Chosen One: Francesca Velicu

Four Last Songs

Principals: Sangeun Lee, Emma Hawes, Erina Takahashi

Francesco Gabriele Frola, Aitor Arrieta

Saturday 23 September, 2.30pm

Theme and Variations

Principal Woman: Shiori Kase

Principal Man: Daniel McCormick

Les Noces

Chosen One: Breanna Foad

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Four Last Songs

Principals: Sangeun Lee, Emma Hawes, Erina Takahashi

Francesco Gabriele Frola, Aitor Arrieta

Tuesday 26 September, 7.30pm

Theme and Variations

Principal Woman: Sangeun Lee

Principal Man: Gareth Haw

Les Noces

Chosen One: Breanna Foad

Mother: Alice Bellini

Father: James Streeter

Son: Rentaro Nakaaki

Priest: Henry Dowden

Chosen One: Francesca Velicu

Four Last Songs

Principals: Erina Takahashi, Ivana Bueno, Katja Khaniukova
Daniel McCormick, Lorenzo Trossello

Wednesday 27 September, 7.30pm

Theme and Variations

Principal Woman: Katja Khaniukova

Principal Man: Francesco Gabriele Frola

Les Noces

Chosen One: Breanna Foad

Mother: Alice Bellini

Father: James Streeter

Son: Rentaro Nakaaki

Priest: Henry Dowden

Chosen One: Francesca Velicu

Four Last Songs

Principals: Erina Takahashi, Ivana Bueno, Katja Khaniukova
Daniel McCormick, Lorenzo Trossello

Thursday 28 September, 2.30pm

Theme and Variations

Principal Woman: Shiori Kase

Principal Man: Daniel McCormick

Les Noces

Chosen One: Breanna Foad

Mother: Alice Bellini

Father: James Streeter

Son: Rentaro Nakaaki

Priest: Henry Dowden

Chosen One: Francesca Velicu

Four Last Songs

Principals: Sangeun Lee, Emma Hawes, Erina Takahashi
Francesco Gabriele Frola, Aitor Arrieta

Thursday 28 September, 7.30pm

Theme and Variations

Principal Woman: Emma Hawes

Principal Man: Aitor Arrieta

Les Noces

Chosen One: Breanna Foad

Mother: Alice Bellini

Father: James Streeter

Son: Rentaro Nakaaki

Priest: Henry Dowden
Chosen One: Francesca Velicu

Four Last Songs

Principals: Erina Takahashi, Ivana Bueno, Katja Khaniukova
Daniel McCormick, Lorenzo Trossello

Friday 29 September, 7.30pm

Theme and Variations

Principal Woman: Katja Khaniukova
Principal Man: Francesco Gabriele Frola

Les Noces

Chosen One: Breanna Foad
Mother: Alice Bellini
Father: James Streeter
Son: Rentaro Nakaaki
Priest: Henry Dowden
Chosen One: Francesca Velicu

Four Last Songs

Principals: Sangeun Lee, Emma Hawes, Erina Takahashi
Francesco Gabriele Frola, Aitor Arrieta

Saturday 30 September, 2.30pm

Theme and Variations

Principal Woman: Sangeun Lee
Principal Man: Gareth Haw

Les Noces

Chosen One: Breanna Foad
Mother: Alice Bellini
Father: James Streeter
Son: Rentaro Nakaaki
Priest: Henry Dowden
Chosen One: Francesca Velicu

Four Last Songs

Principals: Erina Takahashi, Ivana Bueno, Katja Khaniukova
Daniel McCormick, Lorenzo Trossello

Saturday 30 September, 7.30pm

Theme and Variations

Principal Woman: Emma Hawes
Principal Man: Aitor Arrieta

Les Noces

Chosen One: Breanna Foad
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