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DAME MARGOT FONTEYN DBE

THE DREAM/ SHORT WORKS / RHAPSODY

Choreography FREDERICK ASHTON

Conductors BARRY WORDSWORTH, CHARLOTTE POLITI (Rhapsody)

ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE Concert Master MAGNUS JOHNSTON

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Rhapsody - In memory of MR AND MRS STANLEY **HONEYMAN**

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The role of Helena in The Dream is generously supported by **SUE BUTCHER**

The role of Bottom in The Dream is generously supported in memory of JUDY HARRIS

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APPROXIMATE TIMINGS

This performance will last approximately 3 hours, with two intervals.

THE DREAM 55 minutes **INTERVAL** 30 minutes **SHORT WORKS** 35 minutes **INTERVAL** 30 minutes **RHAPSODY** 30 minutes

THE DREAM

The 239th performance by The Royal Ballet at the Royal Opera House.

Music FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Musical Arrangement JOHN LANCHBERY

Designer **DAVID WALKER**

Lighting Designer JOHN B. READ

Staging CHRISTOPHER CARR

Principal Coaching ANTHONY DOWELL, LESLEY COLLIER

Senior Répétiteur SAMANTHA RAINE

Répétiteur SAMIRA SAIDI Titania NATALIA OSIPOVA

Oberon WILLIAM BRACEWELL

Changeling Boy NOAH GARNER

Puck TAISUKE NAKAO

Bottom VALENTINO ZUCHETTI

Rustics HARRIS BELL, MARTIN DIAZ, JAMES LARGE

HARRISON LEE, AIDAN O'BRIEN Helena MICA BRADBURY

Demetrius FRANCISCO SERRANO

Hermia ISABEL LUBACH Lysander BENJAMIN ELLA

Peaseblossom MADISON BAILEY

Cobweb ISABELLA GASPARINI

Moth MEAGHAN GRACE HINKIS

Mustardseed LETICIA DIAS

Fairies ARTISTS OF THE ROYAL BALLET

Choir LONDON ORATORY JUNIOR CHOIR

Director CHARLES COLE

Junior Associates of The Royal Ballet School appear by kind permission of the Artistic Director CHRISTOPHER POWNEY

Deep in the forest in a moonlit glade, the King and Queen of the Fairies, Oberon and Titania, are quarrelling over a changeling boy whom each claim as their page.

While Titania sleeps, Oberon plots his revenge. He sends his mischievous sprite Puck through the forest to fetch a magic flower, the dew of which will make Titania fall in love with the first living thing she sees upon wakening.

A devoted couple, Hermia and Lysander, and their unhappy friends, Helena and Demetrius, enter the forest. Helena's feelings for Demetrius are unrequited. Oberon orders Puck to use some of the magic flower to charm Demetrius into love with Helena. Puck mistakes the two men and confusion

While the amorous fates of the four mortals are entangled, a group of rustics wander into the glade. In an act of mischief, Puck transforms one of them, Bottom, into an ass. On waking, Titania immediately falls in love with Bottom and takes him into her bower.

Taking pity on the lovers, Oberon restores Lysander to Hermia and leaves Helena to Demetrius. Titania is released from her enchantment and is reunited with her king. Bottom, returned to human form but with dreamlike memories of what has happened to him, goes on his puzzled wav.



FIVE BRAHMS WALTZES IN THE MANNER OF ISADORA DUNCAN

The 14th performance by The Royal Ballet at the Royal Opera House.

Music JOHANNES BRAHMS
Costume Designer DAVID DEAN
Lighting Designer JOHN B. READ
Staging HELEN CRAWFORD
Benesh Choreologist GREGORY MISLIN

MAYARA MAGRI

Solo Piano KATE SHIPWAY

THE WALK TO THE PARADISE GARDEN

The 2nd performance by The Sarasota Ballet at the Royal Opera House.

Performed by The Sarasota Ballet
Music FREDERICK DELIUS
Arranged by THOMAS BEECHAM
Designer WILLIAM CHAPPELL
Lighting Designer ETHAN VAIL
Staging MARGARET BARBIERI, IAIN WEBB

JENNIFER HACKBARTH, RICARDO RHODES, DANIEL PRATT

HAMLET AND OPHELIA

The 3rd performance by The Royal Ballet at the Royal Opera House.

Presented by arrangement with the Frederick Ashton Foundation

Music **FRANZ LISZT**

Painter and Designer SARAH ARMSTRONG-JONES
Costumes realised by JAMES KELLY
Lighting Designer CHRIS WILKINSON
Recreated and staged by WAYNE EAGLING
Répétiteur DEIRDRE CHAPMAN
Benesh Choreologist DANIEL KRAUS

SARAH LAMB, CESAR CORRALES

RHAPSODY

The 108th performance by The Royal Ballet at the Royal Opera House.

Music SERGEY RACHMANINOFF
Set Designer FREDERICK ASHTON
Original Costume Designer WILLIAM CHAPPELL
Costume Designs re-created by NATALIA STEWART
Lighting Designer PETER TEIGEN
Staging CHRISTOPHER CARR, GRANT COYLE
Principal Coaching ALEXANDER AGADZHANOV,
LESLEY COLLIER

Senior Répétiteur **GARY AVIS** Benesh Choreologist **GREGORY MISLIN**

SAE MAEDA, LUCA ACRI replaces DAICHI IRAKISHI

YU HANG, BOMIN KIM, ISABEL LUBACH, KATHARINA NIKELSKI, SUMINA SASAKI, LARA TURK

LUC FOSKETT, JOSHUA JUNKER, JAMES LARGE, CASPAR LENCH, MARTIN DIAZ, FRANCISCO SERRANO

Solo Piano ROBERT CLARK

THE ROYAL BALLET

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