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Prima Ballerina Assoluta

**DAME MARGOT FONTEYN** DBE

# THE DREAM/ SHORT WORKS / RHAPSODY

Choreography **FREDERICK ASHTON**

Conductors **BARRY WORDSWORTH, CHARLOTTE POLITI**  
(*Rhapsody*)

**ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE**

Guest Concert Master **JONATHAN HARTLEY**

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*The Dream* - Generous philanthropic support from  
**LINDSAY AND SARAH TOMLINSON**

*Rhapsody* - In memory of **MR AND MRS STANLEY**  
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The Frederick Ashton Foundation dedicates this new  
production of *Les Rendezvous* to **LINDSAY AND SARAH**  
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The role of Helena in *The Dream* is generously supported by  
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The role of Bottom in *The Dream* is generously supported in  
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**22 JUNE 2024 AT 7PM**

Tonight we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of Barry  
Wordsworth's first performance with The Royal Ballet at the  
Royal Opera House.

## APPROXIMATE TIMINGS

This performance will last approximately 2 hours and 55  
minutes, with two intervals.

**THE DREAM** 55 minutes

**INTERVAL** 25 minutes

**SHORT WORKS** 40 minutes

**INTERVAL** 25 minutes

**RHAPSODY** 30 minutes

## THE DREAM

The 243rd 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 **YASMINE NAGHDI**

Oberon **CALVIN RICHARDSON**

Changeling Boy **COLLINS RODRIGUES-HESKETH**

Puck **LIAM BOSWELL**

Bottom **VALENTINO ZUCCHETTI**

Rustics **MARTIN DIAZ, LUC FOSKETT, BRAYDEN**

**GALLUCCI, JAMES LARGE, CASPAR LENCH**

Helena **MICA BRADBURY**

Demetrius **FRANCISCO SERRANO**

Hermia **ANNETTE BUVOLI**

Lysander **TÉO DUBREUIL**

Peaseblossom **CHARLOTTE TONKINSON**

Cobweb **SOPHIE ALLNATT**

Moth **MARIANNA TSEMBENHOI**

Mustardseed **MADISON BAILEY**

Fairies **ARTISTS OF THE ROYAL BALLET**

Choir **LONDON ORATORY JUNIOR CHOIR, THE LONDON**

**ORATORY SCHOLA CANTORUM**

Chorus 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 waking.

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  
ensues.

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 way.



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## FIVE BRAHMS WALTZES IN THE MANNER OF ISADORA DUNCAN

The 17th 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**

**NATALIA OSIPOVA**

Solo Piano **KATE SHIPWAY**

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## THE WALK TO THE PARADISE GARDEN

The 5th 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**

**MACARENA GIMENEZ, RICARDO GRAZIANO DANIEL PRATT**

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## HAMLET AND OPHELIA

The 6th 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**

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## RHAPSODY

The 112th 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**

**FRANCESCA HAYWARD, JOONHYUK JUN**

**CHISATO KATSURA, ISABEL LUBACH, KATHARINA NIKELSKI, SUMINA SASAKI, LARA TURK, YU HANG MARTIN DIAZ, LUC FOSKETT, JOSHUA JUNKER, JAMES LARGE, CASPAR LENCH, FRANCISCO SERRANO**

Solo Piano **ROBERT CLARK**

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Director **KEVIN O'HARE** CBE  
Music Director **KOEN KESSELS**  
Resident Choreographer **WAYNE MCGREGOR** CBE  
Artistic Associate **CHRISTOPHER WHEELDON** OBE  
Administrative Director **HEATHER BAXTER**  
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Clinical Director Ballet Healthcare **SHANE KELLY**

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