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**CONSTANT LAMBERT**

Prima Ballerina Assoluta

**DAME MARGOT FONTEYN** DBE

# LES RENDEZVOUS/ THE DREAM/ RHAPSODY

Choreography **FREDERICK ASHTON**

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

**ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE**  
Concert Master **MAGNUS JOHNSTON**

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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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the work and legacy of Frederick Ashton

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10 JUNE 2024 AT 7.30PM

## APPROXIMATE TIMINGS

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

**LES RENDEZVOUS** 25 minutes

**INTERVAL** 30 minutes

**THE DREAM** 55 minutes

**INTERVAL** 30 minutes

**RHAPSODY** 30 minutes

## LES RENDEZVOUS

The 53rd performance by The Royal Ballet at the Royal  
Opera House.

A co-production between The Royal Ballet  
and the Frederick Ashton Foundation

Music **DANIEL AUBER**

Musical Arrangement **CONSTANT LAMBERT**

Designer (Set and Costume) **JASPER CONRAN**

Original Set Design Concept **WILLIAM CHAPPELL**

Lighting Designer **CHRIS WILKINSON**

Staging **VANESSA PALMER**

Répétiteur **HELEN CRAWFORD**

Benesh Choreologist **DANIEL KRAUS**

**FUMI KANEKO, VADIM MUNTAGIROV**

**SOPHIE ALLNATT, LIAM BOSWELL, MARCO MASCIARI**

**BOMIN KIM, ELLA NEWTON SEVERGNINI,**  
**VIOLA PANTUSO, MARIANNA TSEMBENHOI**

**NADIA MULLOVA-BARLEY, KATHARINA NIKELSKI,**  
**HANNA PARK, MADDISON PRITCHARD, SUMINA SASAKI,**  
**CHARLOTTE TONKINSON**  
**HARRIS BELL, BRAYDEN GALLUCCI, JAMES LARGE,**  
**HARRISON LEE, AIDEN O'BRIEN, FRANCISCO SERRANO**

## THE DREAM

The 236th 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 **FRANCESCA HAYWARD**

Oberon **MARCELINO SAMBÉ**

Changeling Boy **NED TERRELL**

Puck **CASPAR LENCH**

Bottom **JOSHUA JUNKER**

Rustics **HARRIS BELL, MARTIN DIAZ, JAMES LARGE,**

**HARRISON LEE, AIDEN O'BRIEN**

Helena **OLIVIA COWLEY**

Demetrius **LEO DIXON**

Hermia **ROMANY PAJDAK**

Lysander **NICOL EDMONDS**

Peaseblossom **MADISON BAILEY**

Cobweb **SOPHIE ALLNATT**

Moth **MICA BRADBURY**

Mustardseed **LETICIA DIAS**

Fairies **ARTISTS OF THE ROYAL BALLET**

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

**ORATORY SCHOLA CANTORUM**

Chorus Director **CHARLES COLE**

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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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## RHAPSODY

The 105th 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**

**MAYARA MAGRI, LUCA ACRI**

**MICA BRADBURY, ANNETTE BUVOLI, LETICIA DIAS,  
CHISATO KATSURA, JULIA ROSCOE, MARIKO SASAKI,  
HARRIS BELL, LEO DIXON, TÉO DUBREUIL,  
BENJAMIN ELLA, BRAYDEN GALLUCCI, HARRISON LEE**

Solo Piano **ROBERT CLARK**

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## THE ROYAL BALLET

Director **KEVIN O'HARE** CBE

Music Director **KOEN KESSELS**

Resident Choreographer **WAYNE MCGREGOR** CBE

Artistic Associate **CHRISTOPHER WHEELDON** OBE

Administrative Director **HEATHER BAXTER**

Rehearsal Director **CHRISTOPHER SAUNDERS**

Clinical Director Ballet Healthcare **SHANE KELLY**

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