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KEVIN O'HARE CBE

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Founder Music Director

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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GENERAL REHEARSAL
6 JUNE 2024 AT 12.30PM



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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

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, HARRISON LEE

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,
MARTIN DIAZ, AIDEN O'BRIEN, FRANCISCO SERRANO

THE DREAM

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 **LIAM BOSWELL**

Bottom **THOMAS WHITEHEAD**

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

HARRISON LEE, AIDEN O'BRIEN

Helena **MICA BRADBURY**

Demetrius **FRANCISCO SERRANO**

Hermia **ISABEL LUBACH**

Lysander **BENJAMIN ELLA**

Peaseblossom **CHARLOTTE TONKINSON**

Cobweb **MADISON BAILEY**

Moth **MARIANNA TSEMBENHOI**

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 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.

RHAPSODY

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, DAICHI IKARASHI/JOONHYUK JUN

BOMIN KIM, ISABEL LUBACH, KATHERINA NIKELSKI, SUMINA SASAKI, LARA TURK, YU HANG MARTIN DIAZ, LUC FOSKETT, JOSHUA JUNKER, JAMES LARGE, CASPAR LENCH, FRANCISCO SERRANO

Solo Piano **ROBERT CLARK**

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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