

# BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

Friday 17 April 2026

Mayflower Theatre, Southampton

## Don Quixote

**Music** Original music composed by Ludwig Minkus; **Arrangement (2022)** Hans Vercauteren  
(Act II Campfire Sequence: original music composed by Hans Vercauteren);

**Choreography** Carlos Acosta after Marius Petipa; **Production** Carlos Acosta

**Set and Costume design** Tim Hatley; **Video design** Nina Dunn;

**Lighting** Peter Mumford; **Staged by** Christopher Saunders

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***Don Quixote*** Jonathan Payn

***Sancho Panza*** Olivia Chang-Clarke

*His squire*

***Lorenzo*** Rory Mackay

*The innkeeper*

***Kitri*** Yu Kurihara

*His daughter*

***Basilio*** Yasiel Hodelín Bello

*A young barber*

***Gamache*** Rafael Bejarano Vidal

*A rich nobleman*

***Espada*** Haoliang Feng

*A famous matador*

***Mercedes*** Samara Downs

*A street dancer*

***Kitri's friends*** Rosanna Ely, Reina Fuchigami

***Two Matadors*** Gabriel Anderson, Ryan Felix

***Gypsy couple*** Frieda Kaden, Ixan Ferrer

***The Queen of the Dryads*** Amelia Thompson

***Amour*** Enrique Bejarano Vidal

***Dulcinea*** Daria Stanciulescu

***Fandango Couple*** Frieda Kaden, Ixan Ferrer

***Townspeople, Matadors*** Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet

***Gypsies, Dryads***

***On-stage Guitarists*** Tom Ellis, Dan Thomas

**Royal Ballet Sinfonia**

*Conductor* Thomas Jung

### Approximate timings

*Act I* 50 minutes; *Interval* 25 minutes; *Act II* 33 minutes;

*Interval* 20 minutes; *Act III* 34 minutes.

The performance will end at approximately 10.20pm

**First Violins**

Robert Gibbs *Leader*  
 Joana Valentinaviciute  
 Vanessa David  
 Amanda Brown  
 Deborah Schlenther  
 Philip Aird  
 Caroline Ferriman  
 Jennifer Thurston

**Second Violins**

Emily Davis  
 Mary Martin  
 Fiona Robertson  
 Robert Simmons  
 Charlotte Dodwell  
 Suzannah Quirke

**Violas**

Errika Collins  
 James Flannery  
 Amy Swain  
 Hannah Horton

**Cellos**

António Novais  
 Jane Rainey  
 Alessandro Sanguineti  
 Francesca Cull

**Doubles Basses**

Vera Pereira  
 Samuel Rice

**Flutes**

Anna Kondrashina  
 Sandra Skipper *Piccolo*

**Oboes**

Isobel Cheesman  
 Odette Cotton

**Clarinets**

Ian Scott  
 Maria Gomes

**Bassoons**

Luke Tucker  
 Ruth Rosales

**Horns**

Andrew Littlemore  
 Neil Mitchell  
 Christopher Pointon  
 Richard Stroud  
 Richard Dilley

**Trumpets**

Michael Allen  
 Gideon Brooks

**Trombones**

Amos Miller  
 Andrew White  
 Stephen Williams

**Tuba**

Edward Leech

**Timpani**

Grahame King

**Percussion**

Kevin Earley  
 Paul Parker  
 John McCutcheon

**Harps**

Susan Blair

**Guitars**

Tom Ellis  
 Dan Thomas

## The Story

**ACT I**

Don Quixote reads a book of adventures and becomes deluded, believing that he is the successor of the medieval knights – errant, on a quest to serve his imaginary Lady, Dulcinea. He sets out with Sancho Panza. They meet Kitri, who is in love with Basilio, a poor barber. Her father Lorenzo wishes her to marry the foppish nobleman Gamache. Kitri and Basilio run away together to get married. Lorenzo and Gamache set out in pursuit, followed by Don Quixote and Sancho Panza.

**Interval****ACT II**

Kitri and Basilio find themselves surrounded by gypsies who suspect they have come to steal from them. Lorenzo and Gamache arrive followed by Don Quixote and Sancho Panza. Don Quixote mistakes a windmill for a monster and goes on the attack with disastrous results. Half unconscious from his injuries, Don Quixote falls into a dream-filled sleep in which he is transported to a magic garden, where he meets the Queen of the Dryads.

**Interval****ACT III**

Lorenzo and Gamache find Kitri and Basilio in a local tavern. Lorenzo is determined to see Kitri married to Gamache. Basilio pretends to stab himself in jealous despair, while Kitri implores Don Quixote for help. Don Quixote forces Lorenzo to bless the lovers, convinced that Basilio is dying. Basilio makes a miraculous recovery – their scheme has worked. The entire town celebrates the wedding of Kitri and Basilio. Don Quixote realizes that he must continue his quest and sets out once more to perform deeds of chivalry.

*A full synopsis is available in the programme book accompanying this production.*