

# BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

Saturday matinee 17 May 2025  
Northampton Royal & Derngate

## BRB2

### Carlos Acosta's Ballet Celebration DIAGHILEV AND THE BIRTH OF MODERN BALLET

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#### Les Sylphides

**Music** Frédéric Chopin; **Choreography** Mikhail Fokine; **Staged by** Isabelle Fokine;  
**Design** Alexandre Benois; **Lighting Design** Johnny Westall-Eyre

*Poet* Noah Cosgriff

*Prelude* Matilde Rodrigues

*Waltz* Ariana Allen

*Mazurka* Charlotte Cohen

*Misery* Ellyne Knol, Gillian Whittall

Victoria Lavalley   Holly Slater   Isabelle Clough   Lucie Apicella-Howard  
Florence Lane   Maïlène Katoch   Poppy Frankel   Andrea Riolo  
Erna Kristín Jónasdóttir   Hrefna Krístrún Jónasdóttir

*Piano* Jeanette Wong

#### INTERVAL

#### Shéhérazade

*Pas de deux*

**Music** Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov; **Choreography** Mikhail Fokine; **Staged by** Isabelle Fokine;  
**Design** Léon Bakst; **Set Design** Matthias Strahm; **Lighting Design** Johnny Westall-Eyre

Ariana Allen   Oscar Kempsey-Fagg

#### Le Spectre de la rose

**Music** Carl Maria von Weber (orchestrated by Hector Berlioz); **Choreography** Mikhail Fokine;  
**Staged by** Isabelle Fokine; **Design** Léon Bakst;  
**Set Design** Matthias Strahm; **Lighting Design** Johnny Westall-Eyre

Sophie Walters   Tom Hazelby

# Les Biches

Rag Mazurka and *pas de deux*

**Music** Francis Poulenc; **Choreography** Bronislava Nijinska;

**Design** Marie Laurencin; **Set Design** Matthias Strahm; **Lighting Design** Johnny Westall-Eyre

**Hostess Solo** Andrea Riolo

***Pas de deux*** Maïlène Katoch,  
Marlo Kempsey-Fagg

# The Firebird

*Pas de deux*

**Music** Igor Stravinsky (arranged by Jonathan McPhee); **Choreography** Mikhail Fokine;

**Staged by** Isabelle Fokine; **Design** Natalia Goncharova; **Set Design** Matthias Strahm;

**Lighting Design** Johnny Westall-Eyre

Alisa Garkavenko Ixan Llorca Ferrer

# Finale

The cast of BRB2

## Recording by the Royal Ballet Sinfonia

**Conductor** Paul Murphy

**Leader and Solo Violin** Robert Gibbs

**Solo Cello** António Novais

## Approximate timings

**Part One** 30 minutes

**Interval** 20 minutes

**Part Two** 45 minutes

The performance will end at approximately 4.10pm

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