

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

Thursday matinee 18 September 2025
Birmingham Hippodrome

Black Sabbath – The Ballet

Director Carlos Acosta; **Original Music** Black Sabbath; **Music Consultant** Tony Iommi;
Lead Composer, Project Music Supervisor Christopher Austin;
Lead Choreographer and Artistic Director Pontus Lidberg;
Dramaturg Richard Thomas; **Designer** Alexandre Arrechea; **Lighting Designer** K.J;
Sound Production and Design Joshua Blair; **Metal Curator** Lisa Meyer

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Thanks also go to Alan and Caroline Howard, and Arts Council England for supporting our international touring of the production to date.

This performance includes occasional use of dry ice, smoke, flashing lights and loud music. It features archival voiceovers from the band and others; these include some bleeped-out swearing and references to drug use.

Act I: Heavy Metal Ballet

Composers Marko Nyberg, Christopher Austin;
Orchestrators Joshua Hickin, Christopher Austin;
Choreographer Raúl Reinoso;
Black Sabbath Arrangement Marko Nyberg, Joshua Hickin, Christopher Austin

Featuring: War Pigs, Iron Man, Solitude, Paranoid

Rosanna Ely	Reina Fuchigami	Frieda Kaden	Yasemin Kayabay
Hannah Martin	Andrea Riolo	Amelia Thompson	Sophie Walters
Louis Andreasen	Ryan Felix	Haoliang Feng	Ixan Llorca Ferrer
John Fontanini	Thomas Kujawa	Mason King	Luca Mollica
	Frieda Kaden	Ryan Felix	
	Gabriel Anderson		
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	Andrea Riolo	Ixan Llorca Ferrer	

Guitarist Marc Hayward

INTERVAL

Act II: The Band

Composer Sun Keting; **Orchestrators** Sun Keting, Christopher Austin;
Choreographer Cassi Abranches; **Black Sabbath Arrangement** Sun Keting

Featuring: *Black Sabbath, Orchid, Planet Caravan, Sabbath Bloody Sabbath*

Charlotte Cohen	Amber Cook	Ellyne Knol
Eilis Small	Lynsey Sutherland	Sophie Walters
Louis Andreasen	Alfie-Lee Hall	Tom Hazelby
Marlo Kempsey-Fagg	Mason King	Thomas Kujawa
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Frieda Kaden		
Yaoqian Shang Lachlan Monaghan		
<i>Singer</i> Ryan Felix		

INTERVAL

Act III: Everybody is a Fan

Composer & Orchestrator Christopher Austin; **Choreographer** Pontus Lidberg;
Black Sabbath Arrangement Christopher Austin

Featuring: *Iron Man, Black Sabbath, Sabbath Bloody Sabbath, War Pigs, Paranoid, Laguna Sunrise*

Reina Fuchigami	Beatrice Parma	Yaoqian Shang
Yuki Sugiura	Amelia Thompson	
Enrique Bejarano-Vidal	Tzu-Chao Chou	Ryan Felix
Lachlan Monaghan	Javier Rojas	
Beatrice Parma	Enrique Bejarano-Vidal	
Javier Rojas		
The full cast		

***Guitarist* Marc Hayward**

Royal Ballet Sinfonia

Conductor Christopher Austin
Leader Robert Gibbs

First Violins	Second Violins	Violas
Robert Gibbs <i>Leader</i>	Thomas Grundy	Errika Collins
Joana Valentinaviciute	Mary Martin	Jamie Howe
Vanessa David	Fiona Robertson	Emily Clark
Amanda Brown	Charlotte Dodwell	Hannah Horton
Deborah Schlenther	Paul Barrett	
Philip Aird	Amanda Britton	Cellos
Catherine Hamer		Antonio Novais
Jennifer Thurston		Jane Rainey
		Maya Kashif
		Francesca Cull

Doubles Basses

Vera Pereira
Joana Subira

Flutes

Anna Kondrashina
Sandra Skipper *Piccolo*

Oboes

Peter Facer
Vanessa Howells *Cor anglais*

Clarinets

Ian Scott
James Maltby *Bass*

Bassoons

Luke Tucker
Ruth Rosales *Contra*

Horns

Richard Dilley
Jonathan Bareham
Jo Withers
David Horwich
Alex Hocknull

Trumpets

Michael Allen
Alex Cromwell

Trombones

Amos Miller
Andrew White
Edward Hilton

Tuba

David Gordon Shute

Timpani

Grahame King

Percussion

Kevin Earley
Aidan Hammond

Drums

Ian Whitehead

Guitars

Thomas Ellis
Marcus Pritchard

Harp

Elin Samuel

Piano / Celeste

Yen Lee

Approximate timings

Act I 30 minutes
Interval 20 minutes
Act II 30 minutes
Interval 20 minutes
Act III 30 minutes.

This performance will finish at approximately 4.15pm

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You are welcome to take photographs or film during the curtain calls.***

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