

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

Friday 19 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*

Olivia Chang Clarke Maïlène Katoch Alexandra Manuel Katherine Ochoa
Eilis Small Yuki Sugiura Lucy Waine Sophie Walters

Louis Andreasen Enrique Bejarano Vidal Rafael Bejarano Vidal Ryan Felix
John Fontanini Miles Gilliver Mason King Oisin Middleton

Katherine Ochoa Enrique Bejarano Vidal

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Maïlène Katoch Miles Gilliver

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*

Olivia Chang Clarke Rosanna Ely Tori Forsyth-Hecken
Frieda Kaden Ava May Llewellyn Gillian Whittall

Gabriel Anderson Louis Andreasen Ryan Felix
Tom Hazelby Marlo Kempsey-Fagg Mason King

Gabriel Anderson
Ava May Llewellyn
Céline Gittens Haoliang Feng

Singer Lachlan Monaghan

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*

Céline Gittens Momoko Hirata Miki Mizutani
Eilis Small Lucy Waine
Tzu-Chao Chou Haoliang Feng Riku Ito
Max Maslen Lachlan Monaghan

Momoko Hirata Tzu-Chao Chou
Riku Ito

The full cast

Guitarist Marc Hayward

Royal Ballet Sinfonia

Conductor Paul Murphy
Leader Robert Gibbs

First Violins
Robert Gibbs *Leader*
Vanessa David
Amanda Brown
Deborah Schlenther
Philip Aird
Jennifer Thurston
Tim Wilford
Catherine Hamer

Second Violins
Thomas Grundy
Fiona Robertson
Charlotte Dodwell
Paul Barrett
Amanda Britton
Caroline Bodimead

Violas
Errika Collins
Jamie Howe
Emily Clark
Hannah Horton

Cellos
Antonio Novais
Jane Rainey
Maya Kashif
Francesca Cull

Doubles Basses

Vera Pereira
Joana Subira

Flutes

Anna Kondrashina
Jimena Alvarez *Piccolo*

Oboes

Peter Facer
Vanessa Howells *Cor anglais*

Clarinets

Anna Hashimoto
James Maltby *Bass*

Bassoons

Luke Tucker
Ruth Rosales *Contra*

Horns

Richard Dilley
Jonathan Bareham
Jo Withers
David Horwich
Alex Hocknull

Trumpets

Michael Allen
Christopher Deacon

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

Jeanette Wong

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 9.45pm

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

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