

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

Wednesday 20 May 2026

Hall for Cornwall

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 Ixan Ferrer

Prelude Alexandra Manuel

Waltz Andrea Riolo

Mazurka Ellyne Knol

Misery Hannah Martin, Ava May Llewellyn

Airi Kobayashi Sofia Hensley Isabelle Clough

Amber Cook Florence Lane Yoli Meurisse Kaitlyn Moore

Samantha Paige Vidya Cannonier-Watson Gillian Whittall

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

Yoli Meurisse Alfie-Lee Hall

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

Amber Cook John Fontanini

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 Airi Kobayashi

Pas de deux Hannah Martin, Jacopo Biancucci

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

Andrea Riolo Marlo Kempsey-Fagg

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 9.10pm