

# BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

Sunday matinee 29 December 2024, 2pm  
Royal Albert Hall

*These performances are dedicated to the memory of Caroline Miller OBE (1971-2024),  
Birmingham Royal Ballet's Chief Executive.*

## The Nutcracker

**Choreography** Peter Wright, Lev Ivanov, Vincent Redmon; **Music** Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky;  
**Production** David Bintley; **Additional choreography** David Bintley, Marion Tait;  
**Costumes and props** John Macfarlane; **Setting and additional props** Dick Bird; **Lighting** Peter Teigen;  
**Projection designs** 59 Productions; **Sound design** Bobby Aitken

*with Simon Callow as the Voice of Drosselmeyer*

<b>The Sugar Plum Fairy</b>	<b>Céline Gittens</b>
<b>The Prince</b>	<b>Yasiel Hodelín Bello</b>
<b>Drosselmeyer</b>	<b>Max Maslen</b>
<i>Clara's Godfather</i>	
<b>Clara</b>	<b>Sofia Liñares</b>
<i>a ballet student</i>	

### ACT I

<b>The Magician's Assistant</b>	<b>Gus Payne</b>
<b>Clara's Mother</b>	<b>Daria Stanciulescu</b>
<i>a former ballerina</i>	
<b>Clara's Father</b>	<b>Jonathan Payn</b>
<b>Fritz</b>	<b>Lars Hetherington-Howell</b>
<i>Clara's younger brother</i>	
<b>Clara's Dancing Partner</b>	<b>Enrique Bejarano Vidal</b>
<b>Grandmother</b>	<b>Yvette Knight</b>
<b>Grandfather</b>	<b>Rory Mackay</b>
<b>Butler</b>	<b>Oscar Kempsey-Fagg</b>
<b>Harlequin</b>	<b>Shuailun Wu</b>
<b>Columbine</b>	<b>Rachele Pizzillo</b>
<b>Jack-in-the-Box</b>	<b>Riku Ito</b>
<b>Ballet Students, Cadets, Guests and Servants</b>	<b>Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>Members of Birmingham Royal Ballet's Dance Track and Royal Ballet Junior Associates</b>
<b>The Nutcracker Doll</b>	<b>Gus Payne</b>
<b>The Rat King</b>	<b>Gabriel Anderson</b>
<b>Soldiers, Rats</b>	<b>Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet</b>
<b>The Snow Fairy</b>	<b>Amelia Thompson</b>
<b>Her Attendants</b>	<b>Reina Fuchigami, Matilde Rodrigues, Eilis Small, Yuki Sugiura</b>
<b>Winds</b>	<b>Enrique Bejarano Vidal, Ryan Felix, Haoliang Feng, Miles Gilliver</b>
<b>Snowflakes</b>	<b>Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet</b>

INTERVAL

## ACT II

<b>Spanish Dance</b>	<b>Rosanna Ely, Gabriel Anderson, Miles Gilliver</b>
<b>Arabian Dance</b>	<b>Eilis Small,</b> <b>Jack Easton, August Generalli, Mason King</b>
<b>Chinese Dance</b>	<b>Ryan Felix, Gus Payne</b>
<b>Russian Dance</b>	<b>Louis Andreasen, Callum Findlay-White, Tom Hazelby</b>
<b>Dance of the Mirlitons</b>	<b>Olivia Chang Clarke, Reina Fuchigami,</b> <b>Alisa Garkavenko, Tessa Hogge</b>

### Waltz of the Flowers

<b>The Rose Fairy</b>	<b>Yu Kurihara</b>
<b>Her Consorts</b>	<b>Enrique Bejarano Vidal, Haoliang Feng,</b> <b>Oscar Kempsey-Fagg, Shuailun Wu</b>
<b>Leading Flowers</b>	<b>Isabella Howard, Rachele Pizzillo,</b> <b>Yuki Sugiura, Amelia Thompson</b>
<b>Grand pas de deux</b>	<b>Céline Gittens, Yasiel Hodelín Bello</b>

Students appear by kind permission of the Principal of The Royal Ballet School.

## Royal Ballet Sinfonia

*Conductor* Paul Murphy

### First Violins

Robert Gibbs *Leader*  
Joana Valentinaviciute  
Vanessa David  
Deborah Schlenther  
Philip Aird  
Caroline Ferriman  
Jennifer Thurston  
Timothy Wilford  
Rosemary Henbest

### Second Violins

Caroline Heard  
Mary Martin  
Fiona Robertson  
Robert Simmons  
Charlotte Dodwell  
Shelly Deacon  
Suzannah Quirke

### Violas

Errika Collins  
Linda Kidwell  
James Flannery  
Katie Perrin  
Alison D'Souza

### Cellos

Jane Rainey  
Francesca Cull  
Alisa Liubarskaya  
Cormac O'Briain

### Doubles Basses

Samuel Rice  
Alexander Verster  
Phoebe Cheng

### Flutes

Anna Wolstenholme  
Daniel Parkin  
Sandra Skipper *Piccolo*

### Oboes

Amy Turner  
Vanessa Howells  
Helen Vigurs *Cor anglais*

### Clarinets

Ian Scott  
Andrew Harper  
Christopher Goodman *Bass*

### Bassoons

Luke Tucker  
Ruth Rosales

### Horns

Richard Dilley  
Findlay Bain  
Christopher Pinton  
David Horwich  
Jonathan Bareham

### Trumpets

Michael Allen  
Steven Walton

### Trombones

Amos Miller  
Andrew White  
Edward Hilton

### Tuba

David Gordon Shute

### Timpani

Grahame King

### Percussion

Kevin Earley  
Paul Parker  
Mathew Senior

### Harp

Susan Blair  
Elin Samuel

### Celeste

Jeanette Wong

## APPROXIMATE TIMINGS

*Act I* 50 minutes

*Interval* 25 minutes

*Act II* 50 minutes

The performance will end at approximately 4.10pm