

# BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

Wednesday 4 June 2025  
The Kennedy Center Opera House

## Black Sabbath – The Ballet

**Director** Carlos Acosta; **Original Music** Black Sabbath; **Music Consultant** Tony Iommi;  
**Lead Composer, 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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*This performance includes occasional use of dry ice, smoke, flashing lights, loud music and archival voiceovers that feature bleeped-out swearing and references to drug use.*

### Act I: Heavy Metal Ballet

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

**Featuring: *War Pigs, Iron Man, Solitude, Paranoid***

Olivia Chang Clarke	Reina Fuchigami	Maïlène Katoch	Rachele Pizzillo
Yaoqian Shang	Eilis Small	Yuki Sugiura	Lucy Waine
Enrique Bejarano Vidal	Jack Easton	Ryan Felix	Callum Findlay-White
Oscar Kempsey-Fagg	Gus Payne	Javier Rojas	Shuailun Wu
	Yaoqian Shang	Javier Rojas	
	Tzu-Chao Chou		
	Yaoqian Shang	Javier Rojas	
	Rachele Pizzillo	Enrique Bejarano Vidal	
	Guitarist	Marc Hayward	

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# Act II: The Band

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

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

Olivia Chang Clarke	Rosanna Ely	Tessa Hogge
Frieda Kaden	Ellyne Knol	Ava May Llewellyn
Gabriel Anderson	Jack Easton	Ryan Felix
Callum Findlay-White	August Generalli	Oscar Kempsey-Fagg

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Yu Kurihara    Yasiel Hodelín Bello

*Singer* Lachlan Monaghan

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# Act III: Everybody is a Fan

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

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

Yu Kurihara	Miki Mizutani	Beatrice Parma	Eilis Small	Lucy Waine
Tzu-Chao Chou	Yasiel Hodelín Bello	Riku Ito	Max Maslen	Lachlan Monaghan

Beatrice Parma    Tzu-Chao Chou

Riku Ito

The full cast

*Guitarist* Marc Hayward

**The Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra**  
Conducted by Paul Murphy  
(Birmingham Royal Ballet’s Music Director and Principal Conductor)

With guest musicians from BRB:  
Tom Ellis *Pit Guitar*  
Jeanette Wong *Keyboard/Celeste*

## 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 9.50pm