

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

Tuesday 6 May 2025, Birmingham Hippodrome

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 Tom Hazelby

Prelude Alisa Garkavenko

Waltz Alexandra Manuel

Mazurka Maïlène Katoch

Misery Ariana Allen, Charlotte Cohen

Sophie Walters Ellyne Knoll Andrea Riolo Lucie Appicella-Howard
Isabelle Clough Erna Kristín Jónasdóttir Hrefna Krístrún Jónasdóttir
Florence Lane Holly Slater Gillian Whittall

Piano Jeanette Wong

INTERVAL

Shéhérazade

Pas de deux

Music Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov; **Choreography** Mikhail Fokine; **Staged by** Isabelle Fokine;
Original Design Léon Bakst; **Set Design** Matthias Strahm;
Lighting Design Johnny Westall-Eyre

Andrea Riolo Ixan Llorca Ferrer

Solo Violin Robert Gibbs

Le Spectre de la rose

Music Carl Maria von Weber (orchestrated by Hector Berlioz); **Choreography** Mikhail Fokine;
Staged by Isabelle Fokine; **Original Design** Léon Bakst;
Set Design Matthias Strahm; **Lighting Design** Johnny Westall-Eyre

Ariana Allen Jack Easton

Solo Cello António Novais

Les Biches

Rag Mazurka and *pas de deux*

Music Francis Poulenc; **Choreography** Bronislava Nijinska;
Original Design Marie Laurencin; **Set Design** Matthias Strahm;
Lighting Design Johnny Westall-Eyre

Hostess Sophie Walters

Pas de deux Ellyne Knol
Noah Cosgriff

The Firebird

Pas de deux

Music Igor Stravinsky (arranged by Jonathan McPhee); **Choreography** Mikhail Fokine;
Staged by Isabelle Fokine; **Original Design** Natalia Goncharova; **Set Design** Matthias Strahm;
Lighting Design Johnny Westall-Eyre

Alexandra Manuel Marlo Kempsey-Fagg

Finale

The cast of BRB2

Royal Ballet Sinfonia

First Violins

Robert Gibbs *Leader*
Joana Valentinaviciute
Vanessa David
Amanda Brown
Deborah Schlenther
Philip Aird
Caroline Ferriman
Jennifer Thurston

Second Violins

Caroline Heard
Mary Martin
Fiona Robertson
Robert Simmons
Charlotte Dodwell
Shelley Deacon

Violas

Errika Collins
James Flannery
Alison D'Souza
Wei Wei Tan

Cellos

António Novais
Abi Hyde-Smith
Jane Rainey
Helen Edgar

Doubles Basses

Georgina McGrath
Alexander Verster
Georgia Lloyd

Flutes

Anna Wolstenholme
Claire Childs
Sandra Skipper *Piccolo*

Oboes

Peter Facer
Odette Cotton
Helen Vigurs *Cor anglais*

Clarinets

Ian Scott
Fiona Mitchell
Harry Penny *Bass*

Bassoons

Luke Tucker
Elizabeth Trigg
Antonia Lazenby
Clare Webster

Horns

Richard Dilley
Neil Mitchell
Christopher Pointon
David Horwich
Jonathan Bareham

Trumpets

Michael Allen
Christopher Deacon
Julie Ryan
Steven Walton

Trombones

Amos Miller
Andrew White
Edward Hilton

Tuba

David Gordon Shute

Timpani

Grahame King

Percussion

Kevin Earley
Iolo Edwards
Joe Mathers
Christopher Goody

Harps

Elin Samuel
Nicolette Chin

Piano / Celeste

Jeanette Wong

Approximate timings

PART ONE 30 minutes; **INTERVAL** 20 minutes; **PART TWO** 45 minutes

The performance will end at approximately 9.10pm