

# BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

Saturday matinee 7 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	Rosanna Ely	Reina Fuchigami	Isabella Howard
Frieda Kaden	Maïlène Katoch	Alexandra Manuel	Amelia Thompson
Louis Andreasen	Enrique Bejarano Vidal	Jack Easton	Ryan Felix
Callum Findlay-White	Tom Hazelby	Oscar Kempsey-Fagg	Shuailun Wu
	Frieda Kaden	Ryan Felix	
	Gus Payne		
	Frieda Kaden	Ryan Felix	
	Maïlène Katoch	Jack Easton	
	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

Alisa Garkavenko

Ellyne Knol

Sophie Walters

Louis Andreasen

Jack Easton

Callum Findlay-White

August Generalli

Marlo Kempsey-Fagg

Oscar Kempsey-Fagg

Jack Easton

Frieda Kaden

Yaoqian Shang

Haoliang Feng

*Singer* Ryan Felix

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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*

Isabella Howard

Miki Mizutani

Yaoqian Shang

Yuki Sugiura

Amelia Thompson

Haoliang Feng

Ryan Felix

Riku Ito

Javier Rojas

Shuailun Wu

Miki Mizutani

Riku Ito

Javier Rojas

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 3.45pm