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THE ROYAL BALLET AND ROUNDHOUSE PRESENT ZONATION'S  
**THE MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY**

ZONATION'S FAMILY FRIENDLY DANCE SPECTACULAR IS  
REIMAGINED FOR THE ROUNDHOUSE

Friday 30 December – Sunday 22 January, Roundhouse, Chalk Farm Road



Following a sell-out run at the Royal Opera House in 2014, **The Royal Ballet** and **ZooNation's** production of *The Mad Hatter's Tea Party* bursts onto the Roundhouse stage this December. Restaged for this unique space, this high energy, fast-paced production features a host of body-popping and break-dancing characters, with live music composed by **DJ Walde** and **Josh Cohen**. Produced by **The Royal Ballet Studio Programme**, this revival features street dance star **Turbo**, best known for his appearance on CBBC's popular programme *Turbo Boost*.

Drawing inspiration from Lewis Carroll's classic *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, *The Mad Hatter's Tea Party* follows Ernest, a young doctor who hosts a special 'T for Therapy' party. A host of familiar characters including The White Rabbit, the Cheshire Cat and the Queen of Hearts turn the party into an afternoon of outrageous escapades, creating a

dynamic dance adventure overflowing with wonder and wit.

Founded in 2002, ZooNation has paved the way in bringing hip hop off the street and into mainstream dance theatre, with previous productions including *Into the Hoods* and *Some Like it Hip Hop*. Written and directed by **Kate Prince**, this family-friendly show is presented in true ZooNation style, revisited with a distinctive new twist as part of **The Royal Ballet Studio Programme**.

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **The Mad Hatter's Tea Party**

Friday 30 December- Sunday 22 January

**Relaxed performance Wednesday 18 January, 2.30pm**

Roundhouse, Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 8EH

#### **Preview performances:**

30 and 31 December, 2 and 3 January at 7.30pm / 31 December and 2 January at 2.30pm

#### **Main run:**

4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 January at 7.30pm

7, 14 and 21 January at 2.30pm

8, 15 and 22 January at 5pm

#### **Box Office**

Tel 0207 304 4000 / 0300 6789 222

Tickets Prices:

Reduced Price Previews tickets 30 Dec – 2 Jan £11 - £25

Main run tickets 4 Jan – 22 Jan £15- £35

Additional information

<http://www.roh.org.uk/productions/the-mad-hatters-tea-party-by-various#>

<http://www.roundhouse.org.uk/whats-on/2017/the-mad-hatters-tea-party>

<b>Director and writer</b>	Kate Prince
<b>Choreography</b>	ZooNation Dance Company
<b>Music</b>	DJ Walde and Josh Cohen
<b>Set and costume designer</b>	Ben Stones
<b>Lighting designer</b>	Andy Murrell
<b>Produced by</b>	The Royal Ballet Studio Programme

## Casting

<b>Ernest</b>	Tommy Franzen
<b>The Mad Hatter</b>	Issac 'Turbo' Baptiste
<b>The Queen of Hearts</b>	Teneisha Bonner
<b>Alice</b>	Kayla Lomas-Kirton
<b>Tweedle Dum</b>	Rowen Hawkins
<b>Tweedle Dee</b>	Manny Tsakanika
<b>The March Hare</b>	Bradley Charles
<b>The Cheshire Cat</b>	Andry Oporia
<b>The White Rabbit</b>	Jaih Betote
<b>Swing/Dance Captain</b>	Carrie-Anne Ingrouille
<b>Swing/Dance Captain</b>	Michael Ureta
<b>Swing</b>	Jade Hackett
<b>Swing</b>	Ryan Hughes

### House Band: The Men in White Coats

Josh Cohen  
 DJ Walde  
 Elliotte N'Dure Williams  
 Sheree Dubois  
**Onstage Swing** Andrew Bryant

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