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PRESS RELEASE

THE NUTCRACKER

**THE ROYAL BALLET'S CHRISTMAS CLASSIC RETURNS TO COVENT
GARDEN FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON**

Wednesday 23 November to Thursday 12 January

ROH Live Cinema on Thursday 8 December

Encore Screening on Sunday 11 December



This November, **Peter Wright**'s enchanting production of *The Nutcracker* returns to Covent Garden and is screened live in cinemas on Thursday 8 December, with encore screenings on Sunday 11 December.

The Nutcracker follows Clara and Hans-Peter on an enchanting journey to the glittering Kingdom of Sweets. Complete with a magical Christmas tree, memorable character dances and the dazzling *pas de deux* of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Prince, this classical ballet is a theatrical treat for audiences of all ages.

This run sees a host of exciting debuts from across the company with **Claire Calvert**, **Francesca Hayward**, **Yasmine Naghdi** and **Beatriz Stix-Brunell** as the Sugar Plum Fairy. **Matthew Ball**, **Nicol Edmonds** and **Reece Clarke** also make their debuts as the Prince, with **Isabella Gasparini** dancing the role of Clara for the first time with The Royal Ballet.

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Continuing the festive theme, this year The Royal Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker* is the inspiration for the Christmas windows of **Liberty**. Director of The Royal Ballet **Kevin O' Hare** commented on the collaboration: 'I'm very excited that we are working with Liberty to celebrate Christmas with *The Nutcracker*. The opportunity to bring this seasonal favourite to life in the windows of Liberty at Christmas through this new partnership is fantastic, and a wonderful way to share our work with many more people.'

With generous philanthropic support from Hans and Julia Rausing, Peter Lloyd and the Friends of Covent Garden.

NOTES TO EDITORS

The Nutcracker

Wednesday 23 November- Thursday 12 January

Royal Opera House, London WC2E 9DD

23, 25 November at 7.30pm/29 November at 1pm/1, 6, 8*, 15, 28 December at 7.30pm/19 December at 7pm/ 24 December at 12 noon/27 December at 2pm and 7pm/31 December at 12.30pm and 5.30pm/2 January at 2pm and 7pm/4 and 9 January at 2.30pm and 7.30pm/ 5, 6, 10, 12 January at 7.30pm/7 January at 7pm

† ROH Live Cinema, Thursday 8 December, Encore Screening Sunday 11 December.

Box Office and information

Tel 0207 304 4000

Tickets - £5-£120

<http://www.roh.org.uk/productions/the-nutcracker-by-peter-wright>

Choreography

Peter Wright after Lev Ivanov

Music

Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky

Conductor

Boris Gruzin/Dominic Grier (from 31 December)

Original scenario

Marius Petipa

Production and scenario	Peter Wright
Designer	Julia Trevelyan Oman
Lighting designer	Mark Henderson
Production consultant	Roland John Wiley

Image credits

From left to right:

Meaghan Grace Hinkis as Clara ©ROH Tristram Kenton, 2013

Lauren Cuthbertson as The Sugar Plum Fairy, Federico Bonelli as The Prince
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