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# THE NUTCRACKER

# THE ROYAL BALLET'S FESTIVE FAVOURITE RETURNS TO COVENT GARDEN

Tuesday 5 December – Wednesday 10 January ROH Live Cinema on Tuesday 5 December

Tickets £5 - £125 | roh.org.uk



Returning to the Covent Garden stage and screened live in cinemas on Tuesday 5 December, **Peter Wright**'s captivating production of *The Nutcracker* is a glittering festive treat for audiences of all ages.

Set to Tchaikovsky's classic score and with stunning designs by Julia Trevelyan Oman, this run of *The Nutcracker* features Royal Ballet Principal Dancers Lauren Cuthbertson, Francesca Hayward, Sarah Lamb, Laura Morera, Yasmine Naghdi, Marianela Nuñez and Akane Takada appear as



the Sugar Plum Fairy during this run. Federico Bonelli, Alexander Campbell, Ryoichi Hirano, Nehemiah Kish, Steven McRae and Vadim Muntagirov perform as the Prince. Soloist William Bracewell makes his debut in this role.

The most enduring version of this seasonal classic, *The Nutcracker* follows Clara and Hans-Peter on a whistle-stop journey through the enchanting Kingdom of Sweets, as they encounter snowflakes, the Sugar Plum Fairy and a selection of colourful characters. A favourite with audiences of all ages, this festive masterpiece captures the essence of Christmas, with sweeping snowscapes, magical stagecraft and a heart-warming story, brought to vivid life by The Royal Ballet on the Covent Garden stage.

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

#### The Nutcracker

5, 18, 20 December, 2, 3, 5 and 10 January at 7.30pm

27, 28, 29 and 30 December at 7pm

9, 15 and 22 December at 12pm

23 December and 4 January at 12.30pm

27, 28, 30 December and 1 January at 2pm

<sup>†</sup> ROH Live Cinema, Tuesday 5 December at 7.15pm

Choreography Peter Wright after Lev Ivanov

Original scenario Marius Petipa

Music Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky

Designer Julia Trevelyan Oman

Production and scenario Peter Wright

Lighting designer Mark Henderson

# Production consultant Roland John Wiley

## **Box Office:**

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Artists of The Royal Ballet as Snowflakes in The Nutcracker. ©ROH, Tristram Kenton, 2015.

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