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Yasmine Nagdhi promoted to Principal dancer.

The Royal Ballet announces Company promotions and joiners for the 2017/18 Season.

Kevin O'Hare, Director of The Royal Ballet, announces that **Yasmine Nagdhi** has been promoted to Principal dancer, the highest rank in the Company. O'Hare comments, - insert quote -

Born in London, Yasmine Nagdhi joined the Company in 2010 after training at The Royal Ballet School. Yasmine's extensive repertory includes Princess Aurora (*The Sleeping Beauty*), Juliet (*Romeo and Juliet*) and Olga (*Onegin*). Her contemporary work includes *Wolf Works* by **Wayne McGregor** and *Within the Golden Hour* by **Christopher Wheeldon**. Yasmine's first major role as a Principal will be in *The Illustrated 'Farewell'*, a new work created by **Twyla Tharp**, which premieres on Monday 6 November.

Kevin O'Hare has also made the following promotions within the Company;

Christina Arestis, Bennet Gartside, Alistair Marriott, Kristen McNally, and Thomas Whitehead have been promoted to Principal Character Artists.

Matthew Ball and **Marcelino Sambé** are promoted to First Soloists.

Reece Clarke, Benjamin Ella and Anna Rose O' Sullivan have been promoted to Soloists. As previously announced, **William Bracewell** joins the Company as a Soloist from Birmingham Royal Ballet.

Hannah Grennell, Calvin Richardson, Gina Storm-Jensen, and David Yudes are promoted to First Artist.

Giacomo Rovero, Francisco Serrano and Charlotte Tonkinson become Artists, after joining the Company at the start of the last season as **Aud Jebsen Young Dancers**, a programme which provides recently graduated dancers a year's contract to work and perform alongside the *corps de ballet* of The Royal Ballet and receive mentoring and coaching. Next Season's The Royal Ballet welcomes 6 Aud Jebsen Young Dancers to the Company, **Joonhyuk Jun, Joshua Junker, Sae Maeda, Nadia Mullova-Barley, Aiden O'Brien** and **Amelia Palmiero**.

Stanislaw Wegryzn joins the Company as **Prix de Lausanne** dancer for the 2017/18 Season.

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