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## THE ROYAL BALLET TOURS TO MOSCOW, TAIPEI AND SHANGHAI

**The Royal Ballet Tour - Moscow 17 – 22 June / Taipei 27 – 29 June /  
Shanghai 3 – 5 July**

This summer The Royal Ballet will tour to Moscow, Taipei and Shanghai for the annual international tour.

The Royal Ballet is delighted to return to Moscow, its first visit since 2003, where it will be part of the **UK-Russia Year of Culture** celebrating the rich and diverse cultural heritage of both countries.

As part of the celebrations The Royal Ballet will perform in **The Bolshoi Theatre** between 17 – 22 June, presenting a Triple Bill of *Tetractys* by **Wayne McGregor**, *Rhapsody* by **Frederick Ashton** and *DGV: Danse à grande vitesse* by **Christopher Wheeldon**. The Royal Ballet will also perform *Manon* by **Kenneth MacMillan**, one of the signature works from the Company's repertory.

*Tetractys*, an exhilarating fusion of baroque music and contemporary dance, received its UK premiere in February and is Wayne McGregor's latest work for The Royal Ballet. *Rhapsody* was created in 1980 by Frederick Ashton for the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of HM The Queen Mother. It is a celebratory showpiece, set to



sweeping music by **Sergey Rachmaninoff**, and pays tribute to virtuoso dance. Christopher Wheeldon's award-winning *DGV: Danse à grande vitesse* is a high-octane finale, set to **Michael Nyman's** score, *MGV (Musique à Grande Vitesse)*, which was composed to commemorate the 1993 inauguration by the north European line of the French train TGV.

*Manon*, Kenneth MacMillan's acclaimed tragic ballet is a modern masterpiece telling the story of Manon Lescaut, a young woman longing for love who is corrupted by wealth and luxury in 18<sup>th</sup> century Paris.

In Taiwan The Royal Ballet will perform *Romeo and Juliet* from 27 – 29 June at **The National Theatre & Concert Hall in Taipei**. **MacMillan's** great interpretation of **Shakespeare's** enduring tragedy *Romeo and Juliet* is set against **Sergey Prokofiev's** passionate score. First performed in 1965, *Romeo and Juliet* is regarded as one of the greatest ballets of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Royal Ballet Principal Guest Artist **Carlos Acosta's** critically acclaimed new production of *Don Quixote* premiered at the Royal Opera House last September. The adventures of the bumbling knight Don Quixote and his ever-faithful squire Sancho Panza have been the inspiration for countless ballets in companies around the world, perhaps most notably in the version by 19<sup>th</sup> century Russian choreographer **Marius Petipa**. Acosta brings his unique and vibrant vision to the ballet which receives its Shanghai debut at **The Shanghai Grand Theatre** from 3 – 5 July.

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## Tour Dates and Performances

### The Bolshoi Theatre, Moscow

Tuesday 17 – Sunday 22 June

#### Casting

*Tetractys / Rhapsody / DGV: Danse à grande vitesse*

17 and 18 June 7pm

#### TETRACTYS

17 and 18 June

Federico Bonelli, Lauren Cuthbertson, Nicol Edmonds, Paul Kay, Sarah Lamb, Steven McRae, Marianela Nuñez, Natalia Osipova, Thiago Soares, Akane Takada, Eric Underwood, Edward Watson

#### RHAPSODY

17 June

Laura Morera, Steven McRae

18 June

Yuhui Choe, Valentino Zucchetti

#### DGV : DANSE À GRANDE VITESSE

17 June

Zenaida Yanowsky, Natalia Osipova, Marianela Nuñez, Natalia Osipova, Thiago Soares, Akane Takada, Eric Underwood, Edward Watson

18 June

Tierney Heap, Akane Takada, Melissa Hamilton, Beatriz Stix-Brunell, Ryoichi Hirano, Tristan Dyer, Matthew Golding, Valentino Zucchetti

#### *Manon*

20 June 7pm / 21 June 1pm and 7pm / 22 June 6pm

20 June

Manon

Marianela Nuñez

Des Grieux

Federico Bonelli

21 June (mat)	Manon	<b>Lauren Cuthbertson</b>
	Des Grieux	<b>Matthew Golding</b>
21 June (eve)	Manon	<b>Sarah Lamb</b>
	Des Grieux	<b>Steven McRae</b>
22 June	Manon	<b>Natalia Osipova</b>
	Des Grieux	<b>Carlos Acosta</b>

## **National Theatre, Taipei**

### **Friday 27 – Sunday 29 June**

#### **Casting**

##### ***Romeo and Juliet***

27 and 28 June at 7.30pm / 29 June at 2pm and 7.30pm

27 June	Romeo	<b>Federico Bonelli</b>
	Juliet	<b>Lauren Cuthbertson</b>
28 June	Romeo	<b>Thiago Soares</b>
	Juliet	<b>Marianela Nuñez</b>
29 June (mat)	Romeo	<b>Edward Watson</b>
	Juliet	<b>Melissa Hamilton</b>
29 June (eve)	Romeo	<b>Valerie Hristov</b>
	Juliet	<b>Sarah Lamb</b>

# Shanghai Grand Theatre, Shanghai

Thursday 3 – Saturday 5 July

## Casting

### *Don Quixote*

3, 4 July 7.15pm / 5 July 1.30pm and 7.15pm

3 July	Basilio	<b>Thiago Soares</b>
	Kitri	<b>Marianela Nuñez</b>
4 July	Basilio	<b>Federico Bonelli</b>
	Kitri	<b>Sarah Lamb</b>
5 July (mat)	Basilio	<b>Matthew Golding</b>
	Kitri	<b>Akane Takada</b>
5 July (eve)	Basilio	<b>Thiago Soares</b>
	Kitri	<b>Marianela Nuñez</b>

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