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EXTREME PASSION AND DESPERATE ACTS IN KENNETH MACMILLAN'S GRIPPING BALLET

Friday 28 April to Saturday 13 May



Regarded by many as choreographer **Kenneth MacMillan's** greatest master piece, *Mayerling* returns to the Royal Opera House.

Debating in the role of Crown Prince Rudolf will be **Federico Bonelli** and **Steven McRae**, with **Lauren Cuthbertson**, **Sarah Lamb**, **Laura Morera** and **Natalia Osipova** dancing the role of Mary Vestera for the first time during this run.

Former Royal Ballet Principal **Leanne Benjamin** will return to The Royal Ballet to coach the leading female dancers in this production.

Inspired by true events, this three-act ballet explores the darkest reaches of human experience and is regarded as one of the most demanding, complex male roles in the repertory.

The ballet follows Crown Prince Rudolf of Austria and his mistress Mary Vetsera, tracing the political and psychological forces leading up to their deaths.

Nicholas Georgiadis's designs evoke the decadence of Vienna and **Franz Liszt's** music creates the perfect backdrop for this dramatic work.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Mayerling

Friday 28 April to Saturday 13 May 2017

Royal Opera House, London WC2E 9DD

Tickets £4 - £100

28 April, 2, 4, 5, 11 May at 7.15pm

29 April, 13 May at 1.30 & 7pm

1 May at 12 noon

Box Office and information

Tel 0207 304 4000

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www.roh.org.uk/mayerling

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Choreography	Kenneth MacMillan
Music	Franz Liszt
Arrangement	John Lanchberry
Scenario	Gillian Freeman
Designer	Nicholas Georgiadis
Lighting design	John B. Read

Martin Yates conducts the **Orchestra of the Royal Opera House**

CASTING

Prince Rudolf

Mary Vetsera, Countess Larisch, Empress Elizabeth

Princess Stephanie, Mitzie Caspar, Bratfis

28 April / 2 May / 11 May

Edward Watson

Natalia Osipova*, Sarah Lamb, Zenaida Yanowsky

Francesca Hayward, Marianela Nuñez, Alexander Campbell

29 April (mat) / 5 May

Federico Bonelli*

Laura Morera*, Olivia Cowley*, Tara Bhavnani

Meghan Grace Hinkis, Beatriz Stix-Brunell, James Hay

29 April 4 May /13 May (mat)

Thiago Soares

Lauren Cuthbertson*, Itziar Mendizabal, Christina Arestis

Yuhui Choe, Claire Calvert, Tristan Dyer*

1 May (mat) / 13 May

Steven McRae*

Sarah Lamb*, Hikaru Kobayashi, Kristen McNally

Emma Maguire, Helen Crawford, Paul Kay

*Role debut

Image credits from left to right

Edward Watson, Ryoichi Hirano and Alexander Campbell in Emeralds.

Natalia Osipova in Rubies

Thiago Soares and Marianela Nuñez in Diamonds

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