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## 50 YEARS ON, BALANCHINE'S MASTERPIECE *JEWELS STILL SPARKLES*

Saturday 1 to Friday 21 April 2017

ROH Live Cinema, Tuesday 11 April at 7.15pm



George Balanchine's classic ballet *Jewels* returns to Covent Garden this April, celebrating 50 years since it was first performed by **New York City Ballet**.

Inspired by the glittering windows of New York's **Van Cleef & Arpels** jewellers, each of the three movements pays tribute to a different gem stone: Emeralds; Rubies; Diamonds, and captures the evolution of classical ballet through visionary choreography. *Jewels* joined The Royal Ballet repertory in 2007, using costume designs from the original production and new set designs by **Jean-Marc Puissant**.

With music by **Gabriel Fauré**, **Igor Stravinsky** and **Pytor Il'yich Tchaikovsky**, this revival also features a number of exciting debuts from all ranks of the Company including Principal Dancers **Francesca Hayward**, **Sarah Lamb**, **Akane Takada**, **Alexander Campbell**, **Ryoichi Hirano**, **Steven McRae** and **Vadim Muntagirov**.

– Ends –

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

### Jewels

Saturday 1 to Friday 21 April 2017

Royal Opera House, London WC2E 9DD

Tickets £4 - £100

1, 8, 15 April at 2pm and 7pm

3, 6, 11\*, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21 April at 7.30pm

\*Live Cinema Relay, Tuesday 11 April

### Box Office and information

Tel 0207 304 4000

[www.roh.org.uk](http://www.roh.org.uk)

Additional information at

[www.roh.org.uk/jewels](http://www.roh.org.uk/jewels)

[#ROHjewels](https://twitter.com/ROHjewels)

Choreography	<b>George Balanchine</b>
Music	<b>Gabriel Fauré, Igor Stravinsky and Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky</b>
Set Designer	<b>Jean-Marc Puissant</b>
Costume Designer	<b>Karinska</b>
Lighting	<b>Jennifer Tipton</b>
Additional designs	<b>Peter Farmer</b>
Lighting design	<b>Mark Jonathan</b>

**Pavel Sorokin** conducts the **Orchestra of the Royal Opera House**

### INSIGHT: *JEWELS*

Monday 6 March 2017 at 7.30pm

Clore Studio Upstairs

The Royal Ballet is celebrates the 50th anniversary of George Balanchine's full-length abstract ballet.

£17/£7

## **CASTING**

Emeralds /  
Rubies /  
Diamonds

1 April (mat) / 8 April (eve) / 12 April

**Yasmine Nagdhi\***, **Itziar Mendizabal**, **Matthew Ball\***, **Nicol Edmonds** /  
**Tierney Heap\***, **Akane Takada\***, **Alexander Campbell\*** /  
**Lauren Cuthbertson**, **Vadim Muntagirov\***

1 April (eve) / 6 April / 11 April / 15 April (eve)

**Beatriz Stix-Brunell**, **Laura Morera**, **Valeri Hristov**, **Ryoichi Hirano** /  
**Melissa Hamilton**, **Sarah Lamb**, **Steven McRae** /  
**Marianela Nuñez**, **Thiago Soares**

3 April / 8 April (mat) / 15 April (mat)

**Yuhui Choe\***, **Francesca Hayward\***, **Valeri Hristov** **Valentino Zucchetti\*** /  
**Gina Storm-Jensen\***, **Mayara Magri**, **Marcelino Sambé\*** /  
**Sarah Lamb\***, **Ryoichi Hirano\***

18 April / 20 April

**Yasmine Nagdhi**, **Itziar Mendizabal**, **Matthew Ball**, **Nicol Edmonds** /  
**Gina Storm-Jensen**, **Mayara Magri**, **Marcelino Sambé** /  
**Iana Salenko\***, **Steven McRae\***

19 April

**Beatriz Stix-Brunell**, **Laura Morera**, **Valeri Hristov**, **Ryoichi Hirano** /  
**Tierney Heap**, **Akane Takada**, **Alexander Campbell** /  
**Marianela Nuñez**, **Thiago Soares**

21 April

**Yuhui Choe**, **Francesca Hayward**, **TBC**, **Valentino Zucchetti** /  
**Tierney Heap**, **Akane Takada**, **Alexander Campbell** /  
**Lauren Cuthbertson**, **Vadim Muntagirov**

\* Role debut

### **Image credits from left to right**

Edward Watson, Ryoichi Hirano and Alexander Campbell in Emeralds.

Natalia Osipova in Rubies

Thiago Soares and Mariana Nuñez in Diamonds

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