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## #OurHouseToYourHouse

### Royal Opera House announces a FREE stream of a special insight to *Meet the Young Dancers* of The Royal Ballet

The Royal Opera House is delighted to continue its #OurHouseToYourHouse programme, featuring online broadcasts that can be accessed by audiences around the world.

Join The Royal Ballet on **Friday 7 May at 7pm GMT** for a **FREE** stream of a very special behind-the-scenes glimpse into class and coaching with the youngest members of the Company. Presented by Rehearsal Director Christopher Saunders, this Insight introduces the most recent dancers to join the Aud Jebsen Young Dancer Programme and this Season's recipient of the Prix de Lausanne scholarship placement. See the dedication and commitment required of the dancers in their daily training and hear from them as they share their thoughts on joining one of the world's most prestigious ballet companies. The Aud Jebsen Young Dancer Programme was established in 2014 and provides recently graduated dancers a year's contract to be nurtured and perform alongside the *corps de ballet* of The Royal Ballet. This programme, most generously supported by Aud Jebsen, is central to The Royal Ballet's commitment to support emerging talent and since its inception has provided contracts for 40 dancers at the first stage of their careers.

Titles currently available to view via [stream.roh.org.uk](https://stream.roh.org.uk) include:

***Symphonic Variations*** (The Royal Ballet 2017), ***Seven Deadly Sins / Mahagonny Songspiel*** (Royal Opera 2021), **Free Stream of *The Sleeping Beauty* in Rehearsal** (The Royal Ballet), **ROH Unmasked** (Royal Opera), **8Bit** (Royal Opera).

As part of our ongoing partnership with the BBC, Royal Opera House content continues to be available via **BBC Sounds** and **BBC iPlayer**. The Royal Opera's 2018 performance of **Wagner's Ring Cycle** in **Keith Warner's** acclaimed production is available to listen to again in full. Presented by **Tom Service**, these performances feature **Antonio Pappano** conducting the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House and a stellar cast including soprano **Nina Stemme** as Brünnhilde; baritone **John Lundgren** as Wotan; mezzo-soprano **Sarah Connolly** as Fricka; and tenor **Stefan Vinke** as Siegfried, among others. In addition, **Royal Ballet All-Star Gala**, **Royal Opera All-Star Gala** and **Tobias Kratzer's** 2020 production of **Beethoven's Fidelio** are currently available to watch on BBC iPlayer. For details of all ROH broadcasts, creative activities and unique content, follow **#OurHouseToYourHouse**.

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Meet the Young Dancers – Images [HERE](#)

- **Titles available to watch via [stream.roh.org.uk](https://stream.roh.org.uk):**

[All streams are available to watch on demand for 30 days from the date of broadcast.](#)

- Symphonic Variations, The Royal Ballet (2020) – from 2 April – 2 May 2021
  - Seven Deadly Sins / Mahagonny Songspiel – available until 9 May
  - Insight – The Sleeping Beauty in Rehearsal – available until 16 May
  - ROH Unmasked, the Royal Opera – available until 23 May
  - 9Bit, the Royal Opera – available until 30 May
- **Titles available via BBC Sounds and BBC iPlayer:**
    - The Ring Cycle, The Royal Opera (2018) – *Das Rheingold* | *Die Walküre* | *Siegfried* | *Götterdämmerung* – [IMAGES HERE](#)
    - Royal Ballet All-Star Gala – available for 10 months – [IMAGES HERE](#)
    - Royal Opera All-Star Gala – available for 10 months – [IMAGES HERE](#)
    - Fidelio, The Royal Opera (2020) – available for 5 months – [IMAGES HERE](#)

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## About The Royal Ballet

Under the directorship of Kevin O'Hare, The Royal Ballet unites tradition and innovation in world-class performances and is a driving force in the development of ballet as an art form. Based at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, it brings together today's most dynamic and versatile dancers with a world-class orchestra and leading choreographers, composers, conductors, directors and creative teams to share awe-inspiring theatrical experiences with diverse audiences worldwide. The Company's extensive repertory embraces 19th-century classics, the singular legacy of works by Founder Choreographer Frederick Ashton and Principal Choreographer Kenneth MacMillan, the compelling new canon of work by choreographers today including Resident Choreographer Wayne McGregor and Artistic Associate Christopher Wheeldon, and the bold and complementary programming in the Linbury Theatre.

### **About The Royal Opera**

The Royal Opera, under the artistic direction of Antonio Pappano, Music Director, and Oliver Mears, Director of Opera, is one of the world's leading opera companies. Based in the iconic Covent Garden theatre, it is renowned both for its outstanding performances of traditional opera and for commissioning new works by today's leading opera composers, such as George Benjamin, Harrison Birtwistle, Mark-Anthony Turnage and Thomas Adès.

### **About the Royal Opera House**

Home to The Royal Ballet, The Royal Opera and the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, the Royal Opera House brings together the world's most extraordinary artists in live, streamed and broadcast events and performances that thrill, move and excite; that transport people to other worlds. Our theatres are in London's Covent Garden but our work is accessed and experienced across the UK and globally through touring partnerships, cinema programmes, free outdoor screenings, radio, TV and live-streaming.

Since closing our doors due to the global pandemic in March 2020, the Royal Opera House continued to bring together the world's most extraordinary artists and curated the #OurHouseToYourHouse programme, made up of nine live concerts (six for opera, two for ballet and two galas), 38 streamed productions and a suite of online content that has been viewed over 15 million times in 183 countries, together with a suite of cultural highlights in partnership with the BBC, Sky Arts and Netflix and a host of online home learning opportunities wherever you are in the country.

We are hugely excited to welcome people back to our theatres as soon as possible, showcasing the very best of our art forms and bringing the joy of live performance back to our audiences. We would like to thank everyone who continues to support our creative community as we get closer to re-opening our doors once again.

### **Royal Opera House Recovery Campaign**

Live performance is a shared experience, and our audiences are at the heart of what we do on our stages, backstage, online, in cinemas and in our communities. The global pandemic has affected all arts organisations across the world. We have lost £3 in every £5 of our income, and our loan from Government takes us only part of the way. We need your help with our Recovery Campaign to bring our artists back to our stages. [roh.org.uk/donate](https://roh.org.uk/donate)