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Northern Ballet announces return of *Beauty & the Beast* and *The Nutcracker*



Beauty & The Beast: Nottingham, Norwich, Newcastle, Leeds

The Nutcracker: Leeds

Touring to 4 October – 10 December 2023

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This autumn will see the revival of two of Northern Ballet's beloved shows *Beauty & the Beast* and *The Nutcracker*.

Beauty & the Beast, an enchanting reimagining of the classic fairytale, will tour to Nottingham Theatre Royal, Newcastle Theatre Royal and Norwich Theatre Royal between 4 October and 25 November before coming to Leeds Grand Theatre in June 2024. The festive favourite *The Nutcracker* will then be exclusively performed in the Company's hometown of Leeds from 29 November to 10 December. Further programming for 23-24 will be announced this Spring.

Beauty & the Beast, last performed in 2016, tells the story of Beauty who selflessly leaves her family to live with a Beast in his castle after he threatens her father. As time goes by, she grows strangely fond of her host, who hides an extraordinary secret...a curse that only be broken by true love.



Audiences will be transported to a magical world of colour, inhabited by fairies, goblins and sprites, with elaborate mirrored sets by Duncan Hayler and haute couture-style costumes designed by Choreographer and Director David Nixon CBE. The show will be accompanied by an infectious score of classic music from the likes of Bizet and Debussy, played live by Northern Ballet Sinfonia.

Also choreographed by David Nixon CBE, and set to Tchaikovsky's infamous music, *The Nutcracker* provides the ultimate festive entertainment for all ages.

In the midst of a festive party, as the fire crackles and the pile of presents grows ever higher, Clara is caught up in the warmth and excitement of Christmas and becomes enthralled by her new Nutcracker doll. But, as the clock strikes midnight, her Nutcracker proves to be no ordinary toy.

After saving her Nutcracker from the wily Mouse King, Clara is whisked away on the magical journey of a lifetime through a winter wonderland of dancing snowflakes and the famous Sugar Plum Fairy.

For more information, on sale dates and booking details for performances see northernballet.com/whatson.

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Notes to Editors

Autumn 2023 Tour Dates

Beauty & the Beast

Nottingham Theatre Royal

Box Office 0115 989 5555

Wed 4 – Sat 7 Oct 2023 ^{AD}

Trch.co.uk

On sale 27 Jan 2023

Newcastle Theatre Royal

Box Office 0191 232 7010

Tue 7 – Sat 11 Oct 2023 ^{AD}

Theatreroyal.co.uk

On sale soon

Norwich Theatre Royal

Box Office 01603 630 000

Tue 21 – Sat 25 Nov 2023 ^{AD}

Norwichtheatre.org

On sale 27 Jan 2023

Leeds Grand Theatre

Tue 4 – Sat 9 Jun 2024 ^{AD}

On sale 25 Jan 2023

Box Office 0113 243 0808

Leedsheritagetheatres.com

The Nutcracker

Leeds Grand Theatre

Wed 29 Nov – Sat 10 Dec 2023 ^{AD}

On sale 25 Jan 2023

Box Office 0113 243 0808

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Northern Ballet

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A champion for the cultural exports of the North, Leeds-based Northern Ballet is dedicated to bringing ballet to as many people and places as possible, under the leadership of Artistic Director Federico Bonelli. Northern Ballet's Company of dancers performs a combination of its full-length ballets and specially created ballets for children at more than 40 venues annually.

Audiences can also enjoy Northern Ballet's work on screen through their digital dance platform. Visit digitaldance.org to discover more.

Pictured: Northern Ballet dancers in *Beauty & the Beast* and *The Nutcracker*, image Guy Farrow. Northern Ballet dancers in *Beauty & the Beast*. Photo Emma Kauldhar.