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## ***Little Red Riding Hood***

### **World première of children's ballet announced**



#### **World Première**

**28 October – 2 November 2019**

**Stanley & Audrey Burton Theatre, Leeds**

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Northern Ballet has announced the World Première of an adaptation of the classic fairytale, [\*Little Red Riding Hood\*](http://northernballet.com/hood). The production will be the seventh children's ballet created by the Company in the last eight years, and will première at the Stanley & Audrey Burton Theatre in Leeds with 17 performances from 28 October – 2 November 2019, before touring nationally in 2020.

*Little Red Riding Hood* follows in the footsteps of the Company's six previous children's ballets, which have achieved huge popularity both live on stage and in CBeebies TV adaptations. This new ballet will reimagine the well-known children's story to tell the tale of a kind little girl who comes across a very hungry wolf in the forest. But is he really such a big,

bad wolf? Lasting approximately 40 minutes, the ballet has been created especially for young children and families to experience live dance, music and theatre together.

With an all female creative team, *Little Red Riding Hood* will feature choreography by Northern Ballet company dancer Mariana Rodrigues, set designs by Marjoke Henrichs, lighting by Abbi Fearnley, costume designs by Mariana Rodrigues in collaboration with Kim Brassley and Carley Marsh, and music composed by Eloise Gynn, played live by members of Northern Ballet Sinfonia.

Daniel de Andrade, Artistic Director of Northern Ballet's Children's Ballets, said: 'We are thrilled to announce *Little Red Riding Hood* as our next ballet for children. Over the last few years it has been a pleasure to bring the joy of live ballet to so many families and provide opportunities for young children to attend the theatre, often for the very first time. We are now excited to continue that tradition with Mariana's official choreographic debut, *Little Red Riding Hood*.'

Tickets for *Little Red Riding Hood* at the Stanley & Audrey Burton Theatre are on sale now with tickets priced at £7.00 for adults and £5.50 for children. Tickets can be booked online at [theatreleeds.com](http://theatreleeds.com) or by calling the Box Office on 0113 220 8008. Booking early is strongly recommended to avoid disappointment.

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### **Notes to Editors**

#### **Production Credits**

**Choreography & Direction** Mariana Rodrigues

**Set Design** Marjoke Henrichs

**Lighting Design** Abbi Fearnley

**Costume Design Ideas** Mariana Rodrigues

**Costume Realisation** Kim Brassley and Carley Marsh

**Music** Eloise Gynn

### **Performance Dates**

**Leeds, Stanley & Audrey Burton Theatre**

28 October – 2 November 2019

11am, 1pm & 3pm (Mon, Tue & Thu)

11am & 1pm (Wed)

11am, 2pm & 4pm (Fri & Sat)

Relaxed performances, Fri & Sat at 11am

Tickets: £7.00 adults & £5.50 children

**Box Office 0113 220 8008**

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### **Northern Ballet**

Northern Ballet is one of the UK's leading ballet companies and the widest touring ballet company in the UK. Bold and innovative in its approach, Northern Ballet is prolific at creating new full-length work with a unique blend of strong classical technique and world-class storytelling. Northern Ballet's repertoire embraces popular culture and takes inspiration from literature, legend, opera and the classics, pushing the boundaries of what stories can be told through dance.

A champion for the cultural exports of the North, Leeds-based Northern Ballet is dedicated to bringing world-class story ballets to as many people and places as possible, under the leadership of Artistic Director David Nixon OBE. Northern Ballet performs a combination of its full-length ballets and specially created ballets for children at almost 50 venues annually. Providing the highest standard of live theatre experience, every Northern Ballet performance is accompanied by live music played by Northern Ballet Sinfonia.

For more details of Northern Ballet's tour, on sale dates and booking information, please visit [northernballet.com/whatson](http://northernballet.com/whatson)

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