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Northern Ballet announces major national tour of new ballet for children



New ballet for children *Puss in Boots* will tour nationally in spring 2019

April – June 2019

northernballet.com/boots

Northern Ballet has announced that its newest ballet for children, *Puss in Boots*, will embark on a major national tour throughout spring 2019, following its World Première in Leeds this October. The production will tour the country from April to June 2019, visiting more than 20 theatres.

Inspired by the much-loved fairytale, *Puss in Boots* tells the story of a remarkable cat who, despite being both clever and charming, always seems to bring his master bad luck. This child friendly 40 minute ballet follows their adventure as they meet a flurry of characters and even come face to face with royalty! It has been created especially for children and their families to experience live dance, music and theatre together.

Puss in Boots follows in the footsteps of the Company's five previous children's ballets, all of which have achieved huge popularity both live on stage and in CBeebies TV adaptations. Choreographed by Jenna Lee, founder and Creative Director of JLeeProductions and former English National Ballet Soloist, *Puss in Boots* will feature set designs by Ali Allen, lighting by Alastair West, costume designs by Jenna Lee in collaboration with Kim Brassley and Carley Marsh, and music composed by Richard Norriss, played live by members of Northern Ballet Sinfonia at every venue.

Daniel de Andrade, Northern Ballet's Artistic Director of Children's Ballets, said:

'We are delighted to be touring *Puss in Boots* so extensively across the country next spring. Our short ballets have been enchanting children across the UK for several years, creating a truly magical live dance experience for the whole family to enjoy. We now look forward to continuing that tradition with Jenna Lee's new production.'

For venues, updates to on sale dates and details on how to book, please visit

northernballet.com/boots

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Notes to Editors

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's Company of 44 dancers performs a combination of its full-length ballets and specially created ballets for children at

over 40 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

Puss In Boots 2019 Tour Listings

Leeds Stanley & Audrey Burton Theatre

Tue 2 – Fri 5 April 2019

11am & 1pm

Box Office 0113 220 8008

theatreleeds.com

Buy tickets now

Newcastle Northern Stage

Thu 18 April 2019

12.30pm & 2.30pm

Box Office 0191 230 5151

northernstage.co.uk

Buy tickets now

Middlesbrough Theatre

Wed 24 April 2019

11.30am, 1.30pm & 5pm

Box Office 01642 81 51 81

middlesbroughtheatre.co.uk

Buy tickets now

Durham Gala Theatre

Thu 25 April 2019

2pm, 4pm & 6pm

Box Office 03000 266 600

galadurham.co.uk

On sale 22 October

Berwick-upon-Tweed The Maltings

Sat 27 April 2019

2pm, 4pm & 6pm

Box Office 01289 330 999

maltingsberwick.co.uk

Buy tickets now

Blackburn King George's Hall

Wed 1 May 2019

2pm & 4pm

Box Office 0844 847 1664

kinggeorghshall.com

On sale soon

Buxton Opera House

Fri 3 May 2019

2.30pm & 4.30pm

Box Office 01298 72190

buxtonoperahouse.org.uk

On sale soon

Stoke Regent Theatre

Sat 4 May 2019

2pm & 4pm

Box Office 0844 871 7649

atgtickets.com/stoke

On sale 22 October

Lancaster The Dukes

Tue 7 May 2019

12pm, 2pm & 4pm

Box Office 01524 598500

dukes-lancaster.org

On sale 22 October

Barrow-in-Furness The Forum

Wed 8 May 2019

2.15pm & 4.15pm

Box Office 01229 820 000

theforumbarrow.co.uk

On sale soon

Blackpool Grand Theatre

Sat 11 May 2019

2pm & 4pm

Box Office 01253 290 190

blackpoolgrand.co.uk

On sale soon

Bridlington Spa

Tue 14 May 2019

12pm, 2pm & 5pm*

Box Office 01262 678 258

bridspa.com

Buy tickets now

Hull New Theatre

Wed 15 May 2019

2pm & 4pm

Box Office 01482 300 306

hulltheatres.co.uk

On sale soon

Cambridge Corn Exchange

Fri 17 May 2019

2pm & 4pm

Box Office 01223 357851

cornex.co.uk

On sale soon

Peterborough Key Theatre

Sat 18 May 2019

2pm, 4pm & 6pm

Box Office 01733 207 239

vivacity-peterborough.com

On sale soon

Norwich Theatre Royal

Mon 20 May 2019

2.30pm & 4.30pm

Box Office 01603 63 00 00

theatreroyalnorwich.co.uk

On sale soon

Barnsley The Civic

Wed 22 May 2019

12pm, 2pm & 5pm

Box Office 01226 327 000

barnsleycivic.co.uk

On sale soon

Doncaster Cast

Fri 24 May 2019

2.30pm & 4.30pm

Box Office 01302 303 959

castindoncaster.com

On sale soon

Goole Junction

Sat 25 May 2019

2pm, 4pm & 6pm

Box Office 01405 763 652

junctiongoole.co.uk

On sale soon

Derby Theatre

Tue 28 May 2019

12pm, 2pm* & 4pm

Box Office 01332 59 39 39

derbytheatre.co.uk

On sale soon

Harrogate Theatre

Thu 30 & Fri 31 May 2019

2pm & 4pm (Thu)

12pm, 2pm* & 4pm (Fri)

Box Office 01423 502 116

harrogatetheatre.co.uk

On sale soon

Huddersfield Lawrence Batley Theatre

Sat 1 June 2019

2pm, 4pm & 6pm

Box Office 01484 430 528

thelbt.org

On sale soon

Mansfield Palace Theatre

Tue 4 June 2019

2pm, 4pm & 6pm

Box Office 01623 633 133

mansfieldpalace.co.uk

On sale soon

Corby The Core

Wed 5 June 2019

2pm, 4pm & 6pm

Box Office 01536 470 470

thecorecorby.com

On sale soon

Wolverhampton Grand Theatre

Fri 7 June 2019

2.15pm & 4.15pm

Box Office 01902 42 92 12

grandtheatre.co.uk

On sale soon

Crewe Lyceum Theatre

Sat 8 June 2019

2pm & 4pm

Box Office 01270 368 242

crewelyceum.co.uk

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*Relaxed Performances

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