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**Victor Hochhauser presents**

## **BOLSHOI BALLET**



General Director: Vladimir Urin  
Artistic Director: Makhar Vaziev

## **ROYAL OPERA HOUSE**

Monday 29 July to Saturday 17 August 2019

### **THE BOLSHOI BALLET RETURNS TO LONDON WITH A SPECTACULAR 3 WEEK SEASON**

From 29 July to 17 August, the Bolshoi Ballet returns to London, opening the season with one of the company's great classics, Yuri Grigorovich's sensational staging of ***Spartacus***. This epic depiction of the heroic slave uprising against ancient Rome, with its marching battalions and gladiatorial combat, is set to Khachaturian's thrilling music. On opening night, Denis Rodkin is Spartacus, the slave, with Svetlana Zakharova in the role of *Aegina*.

Yuri Grigorovich's staging of ***Swan Lake***, set to Tchaikovsky's ravishing score, celebrates the consummate beauty of the Bolshoi's great prima ballerinas in the complex role of Odette/Odile. Olga Smirnova dances on the opening night, with Semyon Chudin as her Prince.

Alexei Ratmansky's acclaimed ***The Bright Stream*** follows. Shostakovich's witty colourful score provides the backdrop to this mischievous comedy of life and love, combining great dance, acrobatics, intrigue and farce which showcase the Bolshoi's spectacular vitality.

The season ends with the Bolshoi's dazzling restaging of ***Don Quixote***. Its display of virtuoso dancing and enchanting choreography perfectly convey the colour and wit of Cervantes' masterpiece. On opening night, Ivan Vasiliev returns to the Bolshoi as guest artist in the role of Basilio, with the dazzling young star Margarita Shrainer as Kitri.

The Bolshoi's great **Principal Dancers** who will perform in London include:

Ekaterina Krysanova, Anna Nikulina, Ekaterina Shipulina, Olga Smirnova Yulia Stepanova and Svetlana Zakharova.

Semyon Chudin, Vladislav Lantratov, Mikhail Lobukhin, Artem Ovcharenko Denis Rodkin and Ruslan Skvortsov.

### **PERFORMANCE DATES**

<b><i>Spartacus</i></b>	29,30,31 July and 1,9,10 August 10 August	7.30pm 2pm
<b><i>Swan Lake</i></b>	2,3,5,6,12,13,14 August 3 August	7.30pm 2pm
<b><i>The Bright Stream</i></b>	7,8 August	7.30pm
<b><i>Don Quixote</i></b>	15,16,17 August 17 August	7.30pm 2pm

### **BOOKING OPENS 3 April 2019**

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