



BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

Director David Bintley CBE



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ALADDIN

A co-production with Houston Ballet Foundation. Supported (2013) by the Garfield Weston Foundation, The John Ellerman Foundation, the estate of Margery Bremner and the estate of Pamela Green.

Music Carl Davis
Choreography David Bintley
Costumes Sue Blane
Sets Dick Bird
Lighting Mark Jonathan

Aladdin **Lachlan Monaghan**
Princess Badr al-Budur **Yaoqian Shang**
The Mahgrib **Iain Mackay**
The Djinn of the Lamp **Max Maslen**
Aladdin's Mother **Marion Tait**
The Sultan, the Princess's father
Valentin Olovyannikov
Aladdin's Friends **Aitor Galende, Kit Holder**

Desert Winds
Ruth Brill, Anna Ciriano-Cerda, Karla Doorbar, Rosanna Ely, Elisabetta Formento, Reina Fuchigami, Lynsey Sutherland, Daria Stanciulescu

Onyx and Pearls
Laura Day, Maureya Lebowitz, Miki Mizutani, Aitor Galende, Hamish Scott, Harry Wright

Gold and Silver
Yvette Knight, Alys Shee, Haoliang Feng, Edivaldo Souza da Silva

Sapphire
Delia Mathews Ruth Brill, Karla Doorbar, Jade Heusen, Beatrice Parma

Emeralds
Yasuo Atsuji, Céline Gittens, Yijing Zhang

Rubies
Nao Sakuma, Tyrone Singleton


Diamond
Momoko Hirata Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet

Princess's Attendants
Ruth Brill, Elisabetta Formento, Reina Fuchigami, Alys Shee, Daria Stanciulescu, Yijing Zhang

Guards, Djinn's Entourage, Mahgrib's Harem, Dragon Dance
Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet

Amelia Palmiero, a Royal Ballet Aud Jepsen Young Dancer, appears by kind permission of the Director of The Royal Ballet. Students on the John Pinder Studentship programme and the Cecil King Memorial Foundation appear by kind permission of the Principal and the Artistic Director of Elmhurst Ballet School. Students (Robin Cadbury Studentship programme) and Graduates of English National Ballet School appear by kind permission of the Director

Royal Ballet Sinfonia
Conductor Paul Murphy; Leader Robert Gibbs

Approximate timings
 *Act I* 51 minutes; *Interval* 25 minutes;
Act II 31 minutes; *Interval* 25 minutes;
Act III 32 minutes

The performance will end at approximately 10.20pm

THE STORY

ACT I Aladdin, captured by the Palace guards, is rescued by a magician, the Mahgrib. In the desert, he persuades Aladdin to enter a cave filled with riches to fetch an old lamp. The Mahgrib demands Aladdin give him the lamp before he lets the boy out, but Aladdin refuses so the Mahgrib seals him in the cave.

Meanwhile, Aladdin's mother is worrying about her missing son when he appears as if by magic. She doesn't believe his story but starts to clean the old lamp he found in the hope she can sell it, causing the Djinn to appear with all the wealth from the cave. Later, in the market place, Aladdin sees the Emperor's daughter, Princess Badr al-Budur, on her way to the bath house and instantly falls in love.

ACT II Aladdin sneaks into the bath house. The Princess is fascinated by him, but the guards arrive and drag him away. Aladdin is condemned to die, but at the last minute his mother appears. She has the lamp with her and, in a blaze of magic, the Djinn is summoned. Aladdin, magically freed and surrounded by riches, asks for the Princess's hand in marriage and a wedding ensues. However, the Emperor's advisor reveals himself to be the Mahgrib. The magician is left plotting how to retrieve the lamp.

ACT III Alone whilst Aladdin is hunting, the Princess meets a beggar with whom she exchanges her husband's battered old lamp for a shiny new one. Throwing off his disguise, the Mahgrib is revealed. He commands the Djinn to take him and the Princess to his home.

Following them, Aladdin sneaks into the Mahgrib's home and gives the Princess a drug to put in her captor's drink, which she does. Aladdin then leaps from hiding and takes back the lamp. The Djinn spirits them back home on a magic carpet before Aladdin, in gratitude, releases him from the lamp.