



# BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

Director David Bintley CBE



## THE LOWRY

Thursday 21 September 2017

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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 Rory Mackay  
The Djinn of the Lamp Max Maslen  
Aladdin's Mother Marion Tait  
The Sultan, the Princess's father Tom Rogers  
Aladdin's Friends Aitor Galende, Gus Payne

Desert Winds  
Laura Day, Rosanna Ely, Elisabetta Formento,  
Jade Heusen, Amelia Palmiero, Beatrice Parma, Lynsey  
Sutherland, Anna-Babette Winkler

Onyx and Pearls  
Ruth Brill, Reina Fuchigami, Maureya Lebowitz, Gus  
Payne, Hamish Scott, Harry Wright

Gold and Silver  
Daria Stanciulescu, Yijing Zhang,  
Haoliang Feng, Edivaldo Souza da Silva

Sapphire  
Samara Downs  
Anna Ciriano-Cerda, Karla Doorbar,  
Jade Heusen, Miki Mizutani

Rubies  
Nao Sakuma, Tyrone Singleton

Emeralds  
Yasuo Atsuji  
Céline Gittens, Delia Mathews

Diamond  
Alys Shee  
Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet

Princess's Attendants  
Arancha Baselga, Elisabetta Formento,  
Reina Fuchigami, Jade Heusen,  
Maureya Lebowitz, Daria Stanciulescu

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

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

Royal Ballet Sinfonia  
Conductor Philip Ellis; Leader Robert Gibbs

### Approximate timings



Act I 51 minutes; Interval 20 minutes;  
Act II 31 minutes; Interval 20 minutes;  
Act III 32 minutes

The performance will end at

approximately 10.10pm

### THE PLOT

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.

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28 February -3 March 2018

The curse of a wicked fairy, one touch of a spindle, and a beautiful princess falls into a deep, enchanted sleep