



**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	César Morales
Princess Badr al-Budur	Jenna Roberts
The Mahgrib	Iain Mackay
The Djinn of the Lamp	Aitor Galende
Aladdin's Mother	Marion Tait
The Sultan, the Princess's father	Tom Rogers
Aladdin's Friends	Feergus Campbell, Max Maslen
Desert Winds	Anna Ciriano-Cerda, Laura Day, Rosanna Ely, Elisabetta Formento, Miki Mizutani, Amelia Palmiero, Lynsey Sutherland, Anna-Babette Winkler
Onyx and Pearls	Karla Doorbar, Reina Fuchigami, Beatrice Parma, Feergus Campbell, Max Maslen, Brogan McKelvey
Gold and Silver	Samara Downs, Alys Shee Haoliang Feng, Edivaldo Souza da Silva
Sapphire	Arancha Baselga Anna Ciriano-Cerda, Laura Day, Maureya Lebowitz, Miki Mizutani
Rubies	Yasuo Atsuji, Yijing Zhang
Emeralds	Chi Cao Anna Monleon, Rachele Pizzillo
Diamond	Céline Gittens Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet
Princess's Attendants	Reina Fuchigami, Elisabetta Formento, Jade Heusen, Maureya Lebowitz, Alys Shee, Daria Stanciulescu
Guards, Djinn's Entourage, Mahgrib's Harem, Dragon Dance	Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet

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## 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 IN BRIEF

**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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