



# BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

Director David Bintley CBE



THEATRE ROYAL PLYMOUTH THE LYRIC

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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* **Max Maslen**

*Princess Badr al-Budur* **Miki Mizutani**

*The Mahgrib* **Valentin Olovyannikov**

*The Djinn of the Lamp* **Aitor Galende**

*Aladdin's Mother* **Ruth Brill**

*The Sultan, the Princess's father* **Rory Mackay**

*Aladdin's Friends* **Kit Holder, Lachlan Monaghan**

*Desert Winds*

**Anna Ciriano-Cerda, Rosanna Ely, Breanna Foad, Elisabetta Formento, Claudia Nicholson, Amelia Palmiero, Lynsey Sutherland, Anna-Babette Winkler**

*Onyx and Pearls*

**Laura Day, Reina Fuchigami, Beatrice Parma, Kit Holder, Brogan McKelvey, Hamish Scott**

*Gold and Silver*

**Alys Shee, Daria Stanculescu**

**Haoliang Feng, Edivaldo Souza da Silva**

*Sapphire*

**Delia Mathews**

**Anna Ciriano-Cerda, Jade Heusen,**

**Amelia Palmiero, Yaoqian Shang**

*Emeralds*

**Chi Cao**

**Anna Monleon, Rachele Pizzillo**

*Rubies*

**Yasuo Atsuji, Yijing Zhang**

*Diamond*

**Momoko Hirata**

**Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet**

*Princess's Attendants*

**Elisabetta Formento, Reina Fuchigami,**

**Yvette Knight, Yaoqian Shang,**

**Alys Shee, Daria Stanculescu**

*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 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 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.