

PRESS RELEASE

NEW ADVENTURES
ANNOUNCES THE FULL CAST FOR
WORLD PREMIERE
OF

Matthew Bourne's
ROMEO+
JULIET

97 YOUNG DANCERS MAKE THEIR
DEBUTS WITH NEW ADVENTURES
UK TOUR OPENS 13 MAY 2019

New Adventures is delighted to announce full casting for the world premiere of Matthew Bourne's "**ROMEO AND JULIET**" opening at Curve, Leicester on Monday 13 May 2019, as part of a UK tour to 13 venues including a four-week summer season at Sadler's Wells from Wednesday 7 August to Saturday 31 August 2019. Full tour schedule below.

Matthew Bourne's "**ROMEO AND JULIET**" is a passionate and contemporary re-imagining of Shakespeare's classic love story. Bursting with youth, vitality and Matthew Bourne's trademark storytelling, Britain's brightest young dance talent join the New Adventures company for this World Premiere production.

As part of New Adventures' ambition to support the next generation of on-stage talent "**ROMEO AND JULIET**" will feature the finest emerging male and female dancers from around the UK. The search began in April 2018 with a call-out for young dancers currently in training aged between 16 and 19. Attracting over 1000 applications and following a UK-wide audition tour, Young Cast members will

perform at each venue alongside the New Adventures company.

Matthew Bourne said today *“New Adventures’ “Romeo and Juliet” will be a celebration of youthful energy, talent and creativity both on and off-stage and, uniquely, in all aspects of Choreography, Design and Music through the appointment of a series of “Young Associate Artists”. As we enter our fourth decade as a company I’m finding the development of young talent ever more important and fulfilling. Our new company of “Romeo and Juliet” features a staggering 97 young dancers making their debuts with us; some are joining us as part of their third year of training, others have come through our Company initiatives such as “Swan School”, “A Summer Adventure” and of course, our production of “Lord of the Flies” which inspired so many young men to seek careers in dance. This time we have focused on nurturing young male and female dancers, and I have been overwhelmed by the talent that we have had to choose from throughout the UK. I’m particularly happy to be working alongside my Young Associate Choreographer, Arielle Smith, an exceptional young dancemaker of great maturity and vision. In turn, after 30 years as a professional choreographer, I look forward to being refreshed and inspired by what this team of young artists will bring to Shakespeare’s classic tale of tragic conflict and young love”.*

As previously announced the title roles of ‘Romeo’ and ‘Juliet’ will be played by six New Adventures rising stars and two exciting new dancers making their professional debuts.

Creating the role of Juliet will be **Cordelia Braithwaite**, currently performing as ‘Cinderella’ on the international tour; **Seren Williams**, who joined New Adventures in 2016 with Matthew Bourne’s award-winning production of “The Red Shoes” and **Bryony Harrison** who is making her debut with New Adventures on tour with Matthew Bourne’s legendary production of “Swan Lake”

The role of Romeo will be created by **Andrew Monaghan**, currently ‘The Pilot’ in “Cinderella”, **Paris Fitzpatrick** who is playing the ‘Angel’ in “Cinderella” and **João Carolino** who joined the company in 2017 with “Early Adventures”

Making their professional debuts with the company are **Harrison Dowzell**, as ‘Romeo’, who auditioned for the Young Cast in Nottingham, and **Bryony Wood**, as ‘Juliet’, discovered during the Young Cast auditions in Southampton. Both are in their graduate years at Performers College and Tring Park School for the Performing Arts respectively.

They are joined by leading New Adventures artists, **Madelaine Brennan**, **Daisy May Kemp**, **Danny Reubens** and **Daniel Wright** who will create the “adult” world of “Romeo and Juliet”.

Ben Brown, **Reece Causton**, **Jackson Fisch**, **Kate Lyons**, **Stephen Murray** and **Mark**

Samaras who will come to this production direct from our USA Tour of Matthew Bourne's "Cinderella".

In addition there are sixteen young artists making their debut with New Adventures: **Natasha Chu, Gaby Conn, Monique Jonas, Sharol Mackenzie, Hannah Mason, Asher Rosenheim, Catrin Thomas, Chris Thomas** and **Roisin Whelan**; along with **Benjamin Derham** from Canterbury, **Cameron Flynn** from Aberdeen and **Billy Scott** from Plymouth who all performed in the Young Cast in the acclaimed New Adventures production of "Lord of the Flies" in 2014; and **Alexander Fadayiro** at Central School of Ballet, **Jana Baldovino** at Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance and **Stanley Duventru-Huret** at Urdang Academy who are completing their third year of dance training while on tour with **"ROMEO AND JULIET"**.

In addition to the full time cast above we will be joined by 6 young cast members (81 in total) at each venue making their debut with New Adventures:

At Curve, Leicester: **Cerise Bedder, Austin Bladon, Megan Ferguson, Christian Knight** and **Alexander Love**.

At Alhambra Theatre, Bradford: **Pattarapong Chomchan, Zac Crowe, Bethany Curry, Yvette Levine, Hollie Smith** and **Tom Sutton**.

At Royal & Derngate, Northampton: **Matthew Brion, Jamie Blackadder, Edwin Cheng, Alanah Corbridge, Elise Ward** and **Karishma Young**.

At Theatre Royal Plymouth: **James Knott, Jamel Maarfi, Maea Morgan, Samuel Parham, Ella Roberts** and **Jessica Tarrant**.

At The Lowry, Salford: **Katie Agarwal, Georgia Collier, Orla Collier, Brandon Hunter, Patrick King** and **Kayde-Samuél Wright**.

At Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff: **Rachel Brookes-Brent, Llewelyn Brown, Berwyn Cooper, Atlanta Hatch** and **Francesca Rees**.

At Sadler's Wells, London, Cast One: **Tanisha Addicott, Dan Baines, Emily Galvin, Ashton Hall, Hannah Kremer** and **Janacek Wood**.

At Sadler's Wells, London, Cast Two: **Matt Cotton, Alexandra De Le Bastide, Hannah Joseph, Matthew Rawcliffe, Cleo Rose** and **Thomas Walton**.

At Norwich Theatre Royal: **Joe Barbrook, Chandi Brading, Freya Brown, Isis Clunie, Amonik Melaco** and **Jack Richardson**.

At Birmingham Hippodrome: **Lewis Baker, Órla Baxendale, India-Rose Cox, Savannah Ffrench, Alexander Love** and **Enrique Ngbokota**.

At Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury: **Matthew Amos, Eleanor McGrath, Charlie Mellor, Casper Mott, Rossana Samele** and **Holly Saw**.

At Mayflower Theatre, Southampton: **Dillon Berry, Samuel Dilkes, Bethany Hunt, Isabelle Evans, Arianne Morgan** and **Jago Mottart**.

At Theatre Royal, Nottingham: **Austin Bladon, Megan Ferguson, Alistair Fernie, Victoria Keal, Jaimie Tank** and **Sua Tsubokura-Aguiriano**.

At Theatre Royal, Newcastle: **Louis Baxter, Sam Carruthers, Kayleigh Oborka-Letman, Lisa Robison, Andrew Scott** and **Chloe Shutt**

New Adventures is committed to finding and developing diverse young talent from across the UK. Since "Lord of the Flies" in 2014 New Adventures has been supporting young dancers from this production on their journey into training and professional work. The company have delivered various initiatives, including Swan School, two week-long intensives designed to prepare graduate level dancers for the audition process.

Continuing New Adventures' commitment to developing off-stage talent we have recruited a team of Young Associate Artists to work alongside the Artistic team in the creation of this world premiere production. **Arielle Smith** joins as Young Associate Choreographer; **Elin Steele** as Young Associate Set & Costume Designer and **Ali Hunter** as Young Associate Lighting Designer.

"**ROMEO AND JULIET**" is directed and choreographed by **Matthew Bourne**, collaborating with his entire New Adventures Associate Artistic team; **Etta Murfitt**, Associate Artistic Director, set and costume design by **Lez Brotherston**; lighting by **Paule Constable**; sound by **Paul Groothuis**; and new orchestrations of the **Prokofiev** score by **Terry Davies**, played live at every venue by **The New Adventures Orchestra** conducted by **Brett Morris**.

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New Adventures

New Adventures is an iconic and ground-breaking British dance-theatre company, famous for telling stories with a unique theatrical twist. For over 30 years Matthew

Bourne and New Adventures have delighted, inspired and nurtured people of all ages and backgrounds: audiences, artists and the next generation. We create world class productions and engaging projects, reaching thousands worldwide every year.

New Adventures has received numerous international awards and an incredible 12 Olivier Award nominations, including 6 wins. Over the past 30 years New Adventures has created 11 full-length productions and a triple-bill of short works. This award-winning repertoire has inspired and thrilled over 6 million people worldwide.

Investing in the future of dance and theatre, New Adventures engages in inclusive projects with thousands of people of all ages and ability, as well as emerging artists across the UK and around the world.

New Adventures is a national portfolio organisation supported using public funds by Arts Council England.

LISTINGS

ROMEO AND JULIET TOUR DATES 2019

MONDAY 13 MAY – SATURDAY 18 MAY

CURVE, LEICESTER - www.curveonline.co.uk

ON SALE NOW

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY - SATURDAY 25 MAY

ALHAMBRA THEATRE, BRADFORD - www.bradford-theatres.co.uk

ON SALE NOW

TUESDAY 28 MAY – SATURDAY 1 JUNE

ROYAL & DERNGATE, NORTHAMPTON - www.royalandderngate.co.uk

ON SALE NOW

TUESDAY 4 JUNE - SATURDAY 8 JUNE

THEATRE ROYAL PLYMOUTH - www.theatreroyal.com

ON SALE NOW

TUESDAY 11 JUNE - SATURDAY 15 JUNE

THE LOWRY, SALFORD - www.thelowry.com

ON SALE NOW

TUESDAY 18 JUNE – SATURDAY 22 JUNE

WALES MILLENNIUM CENTRE, CARDIFF - www.wmc.org.uk

ON SALE 26 NOVEMBER 2018

WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST – SATURDAY 31 AUGUST (PRESS NIGHTS 9 AUGUST & 23 AUGUST)

SADLER'S WELLS, LONDON - www.sadlerswells.com

ON SALE NOW

TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER – SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

NORWICH THEATRE ROYAL – www.theatreroyalnorwich.co.uk

ON SALE SPRING 2019

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER – SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME - www.birminghamhippodrome.com

ON SALE 3 DECEMBER 2018

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER – SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

MARLOWE THEATRE, CANTERBURY – www.marlowetheatre.com

ON SALE SOON

TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER – SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

MAYFLOWER THEATRE, SOUTHAMPTON - www.mayflower.org.uk

ON SALE NOW

TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER – SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER

THEATRE ROYAL, NOTTINGHAM – www.trch.co.uk

ON SALE NOW

WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER – SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER

THEATRE ROYAL, NEWCASTLE - www.theatreroyal.co.uk

ON SALE NOW

Please note: Alexander Love will perform in both Birmingham and Leicester. Austin Bladon and Megan Ferguson will perform in both Leicester and Nottingham.