

Approximate timings

Dances at a Gathering 65 minutes

Interval 30 minutes

The Cellist 65 minutes



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DANCES AT A GATHERING THE CELLIST

SOLO PIANO ROBERT CLARK (*DANCES AT A GATHERING*)

CONDUCTOR ANDREA MOLINO (*THE CELLIST*)

ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

CONCERT MASTER SERGEY LEVITIN

DIRECTED FOR THE SCREEN BY

ROSS MACGIBBON

ORIGINALLY BROADCAST LIVE FROM THE
ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2020, 7.15PM

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DANCES AT A GATHERING/THE CELLIST

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DANCES AT A GATHERING

CHOREOGRAPHY **JEROME ROBBINS**
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MUSIC **FRYDERYK CHOPIN**

COSTUME DESIGNER **JOE EULA**

LIGHTING DESIGNER **JENNIFER TIPTON**

STAGING **BEN HUYS**

PINK

MARIANELA NUÑEZ

MAUVE

FRANCESCA HAYWARD

APRICOT

YASMINE NAGHDI

GREEN

LAURA MORERA

BLUE

FUMI KANEKO

BROWN

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL

PURPLE

FEDERICO BONELLI

GREEN

WILLIAM BRACEWELL

BRICK

LUCA ACRI

BLUE

VALENTINO ZUCCHETTI

THE STORY OF THE CELLIST

The instrument lies unplayed.

Awoken by echoes of past performances,
the instrument is inspired to tell the story of a great player.

How a little girl heard the sound of the cello and fell in love with it.

How her mother started to teach her, until her abundant talent far outgrew
her mother's teaching.

How a new teacher opened the way to a community of peerless music-makers,
where she met a conductor,

who became her colleague and soulmate: their love impelled by music.

How they became celebrities, their fame amplified by many recordings.

How they married and embarked upon a whirlwind circuit of touring and concerts.

Until the cellist found herself beginning to flag, unable to keep up
and the couple's relationship started to unravel.

Because the cellist was battling more than tiredness: she was sick,
an illness that would destroy her nerves, cut short her career and in the end her life.

How then the cellist fought to keep playing
and when she could fight no more, shut away the instrument and fell silent.

How she lost her voice, but inspires still: the music she made resonating onward,
etched in the memories of those who heard her and the recordings she left behind.

Edward Kemp

THE CELLIST

CHOREOGRAPHY **CATHY MARSTON**

SCENARIO **CATHY MARSTON AND EDWARD KEMP**

MUSIC **PHILIP FEENEY**

SET DESIGNER **HILDEGARD BECHTLER**

COSTUME DESIGNER **BREGJE VAN BALEN**

LIGHTING DESIGNER **JON CLARK**

DRAMATURGY **EDWARD KEMP**

CHOREOGRAPHIC COLLABORATOR **JENNY TATTERSALL**

THE CELLIST

LAUREN CUTHBERTSON

THE INSTRUMENT

MARCELINO SAMBÉ

THE CONDUCTOR

MATTHEW BALL

THE CELLIST (AS A YOUNG GIRL)

EMMA LUCANO

HER SISTER (AS A YOUNG GIRL)

LAUREN GODFREY

HER MOTHER

KRISTEN MCNALLY

HER FATHER

THOMAS WHITEHEAD

HER SISTER

ANNA ROSE O'SULLIVAN

HER CELLO TEACHERS

GARY AVIS,

NICOL EDMONDS, BENJAMIN ELLA

HER MUSICAL FRIENDS

LUCA ACRI, PAUL KAY, JOSEPH SISSENS

A CHORUS OF NARRATORS

ARTISTS OF THE ROYAL BALLET

SOLO CELLO

HETTY SNELL

'O body swayed to music, O brightening glance,
How can we know the dancer from the dance?'

William Butler Yeats, *Among School Children*

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