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Northern Ballet announces spring 2022 season



Northern Ballet dancers in *Casanova* and *The Great Gatsby*. Photos Guy Farrow <u>Download images</u>

Casanova – Leeds, Sheffield, London, Salford
The Great Gatsby – Edinburgh, Milton Keynes, Cardiff
Pinocchio – Touring nationally

Northern Ballet's spring 2022 tour will revive two of their most popular ballets *Casanova* and *The Great Gatsby* and see children's ballet *Pinocchio* embark on a national tour of over 20 cities.



Northern Ballet dancers in Casanova. Photo Caroline Holden.

The season will open with Kenneth Tindall's *Casanova* at Leeds Grand Theatre. This sumptuous ballet hasn't been seen on stage since 2017, although it has enjoyed success with TV broadcast on Sky Arts and on demand via Digital Theatre. Tindall's first full-length work, *Casanova* takes us into the heart and mind of one of the most notorious figures in history. Follow Casanova through his romantic and scholarly endeavours as he winds his way through the scandal and excess of 18th century high society. With a cinematic score by Kerry Muzzey and opulent sets and costumes by Christopher Oram, *Casanova* is a visual and sensual feast. Following its Leeds opening, the ballet will tour to Sheffield Lyceum Theatre, Sadler's Wells, London and The Lowry, Salford between March and June.



Northern Ballet dancers in The Great Gatsby. Photo Emma Kauldhar.

David Nixon OBE steps down from his role as Artistic Director of Northern Ballet at the end of 2021, but audiences will be able to continue enjoying his work as *The Great Gatsby* tours to Edinburgh Festival Theatre, Milton Keynes Theatre and Cardiff New Theatre between April and June 2022. Nothing brings back the heady days of the 1920s better than F. Scott Fitzgerald's great American novel, and David Nixon OBE's ballet perfectly evokes this glamorous and decadent era. The tragic story of Daisy and Gatsby plays out to its inevitable conclusion with Chanel inspired costumes and a score by the legendary Sir Richard Rodney Bennett CBE.

Children's ballet *Pinocchio* is choreographed by Northern Ballet Junior Soloist Gavin McCaig. This delightful production for young children re-tells the original story by Carlo Collodi, reminding us all that where there is love and honesty there is always magic.

All Northern Ballet's productions are accompanied by live music performed by Northern Ballet Sinfonia.

For more information, on sale dates and booking details for performances until June 2022, see <u>northernballet.com/whatson</u>. More dates for *Casanova* and *The Great Gatsby* will be announced later in the year as part of Northern Ballet's autumn 2022 tour.

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Notes to Editors

Spring 2022 Tour Dates

<u>Casanova</u>

Leeds Grand Theatre Box Office 0113 243 0808 10 – 19 March 2022 leedsgrandtheatre.com

On general sale 17 September 2021

Sheffield Lyceum Theatre Box Office 0114 249 6000 22 – 26 March 2022 sheffieldtheatres.co.uk

On general sale 16 October 2021

Sadler's Wells Box Office 020 7863 8000

10 – 14 May 2022 sadlerswells.com

On sale soon

Salford The Lowry Box Office 0843 208 6000

18 – 21 May 2022 thelowry.com

On general sale 17 September 2021

The Great Gatsby

Edinburgh Festival Theatre

21 – 23 April 2022

On general sale 22 September 2021

Box Office 0131 529 6000

edtheatres.com

Milton Keynes Theatre

24 - 28 May 2022

On sale soon

Box Office 0844 871 7652*

atgtickets.com/MiltonKeynes

Cardiff New Theatre

7 – 11 June 2022

On sale soon

Box Office 0343 310 0041

newtheatrecardiff.co.uk

Pinocchio

Details of the national tour to be announced soon northernballet.com/pinocchio

*Calls cost 7p per minute plus your phone company's access charge

Northern Ballet

Northern Ballet is one of the UK's leading ballet companies and the widest touring ballet company in the UK. Bold and innovative in its approach, Northern Ballet is prolific at creating new full-length work with a unique blend of strong classical technique and impressive storytelling. Northern Ballet's repertoire embraces popular culture and takes inspiration from literature, legend, opera and the classics, pushing the boundaries of what stories can be told through dance.

A champion for the cultural exports of the North, Leeds-based Northern Ballet is dedicated to bringing ballet to as many people and places as possible. Northern Ballet's Company of dancers performs a combination of its full-length ballets and specially created ballets for children at more than 40 venues annually.

Launched in 2019, Northern Ballet's digital dance platform ensures more people can access their work, from full-length films of popular ballets through to exciting short dance films by up-and-coming choreographers and filmmakers. Visit digitaldance.org to discover more.

For more details of Northern Ballet's tour, on sale dates and booking information, please visit northernballet.com/whats-on