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Northern Ballet announces promotions and joiners for 2022/23 season

Northern Ballet will welcome six new dancers for the 2022/23 season, the first with **Federico Bonelli** as Artistic Director.

Amber Lewis and **Jackson Dwyer** join from Hong Kong Ballet as Leading Soloist and First Soloist respectively.

Stefano Varalta (European School of Ballet), **Kaho Matsumoto** (English National Ballet School) and **Jun Ishii** (Staatsballett Berlin) join as dancers in the 1st year Corps, along with **Amy Turner-Daly** who joins until January 2023.

Northern Ballet's Artistic Director, Federico Bonelli, said:

"We're delighted to welcome our new starters to Northern Ballet. This is a group of highly skilled dancers, with Amber and Jackson being more experienced performers, while Stefano, Kaho and Jun show the talent and promise of youth. We're looking forward to working with them all in the coming season."

Earlier in 2022, the Company promoted **Kevin Poeung** to Leading Soloist; **Heather Lehan** to Junior Soloist; **Helen Bogatch** and **Harriet Marden** to Coryphée.

This season, Northern Ballet will say goodbye to Leading Soloist **Riku Ito** who is leaving to join Birmingham Royal Ballet, along with First Soloist **Lorenzo Trosselo** and Principal Soloist **Minju Kang** who both leave to join English National Ballet. Minju Kang will depart at the end of September 2022, after *Three Short Ballets*.

Northern Ballet's new season will commence in September with *Three Short Ballets* in Leeds and London followed by national tours of *The Little Mermaid* and *The Nutcracker*. For more information visit northernballet.com/whats-on

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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 world-class 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 world-class story ballets to as many people and places as possible, under the leadership of Artistic Director David Nixon CBE. Northern Ballet performs a combination of its full-length ballets and specially created ballets for children at more than 40 venues annually.

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