

Glyndebourne: Cosi Fan Tutte

Thursday 23rd November 2017: 14:00: £25: Circle row D **Payment required 25 September**

Overview

A cheeky double dare results in false pretenses and true love in Mozart's dark comedy.

Would you place a bet on your partner's faithfulness? And would you disguise yourself in order to test it? That's exactly what Ferrando and Guglielmo do, and the surprising results are spelled out in the opera's title: *Così fan tutte* ('Women Are Like That'). As the innocent trick veers off-course, boisterous hijinks ensue, souls are searched, and true love is born – at some cost.

Chock full of sublime Mozartean melodies and dazzling singing, *Così fan tutte* is the third and last of the brilliant operas Mozart wrote with librettist Lorenzo Da Ponte (alongside *Le nozze di Figaro* and *Don Giovanni*). It has variously been described as 'a glorious soap-bubble', 'a deep and unsettling masterpiece', 'a musical lark', and 'a profound and terrifying tragicomedy'. All of those qualities and more shine through in Glyndebourne's gorgeous period production by Nicholas Hytner, former longtime director of the National Theatre.

Cast includes: **Bogdan Volkov** (Ferrando), **Ilya Kutjukin** (Guglielmo), **José Fardilha** (Don Alfonso), **Kirsten MacKinnon** (Fiordiligi), **Rachel Kelly** (Dorabella), **Ana Quintans** (Despina).

The performance lasts approximately 3 hours and 15 minutes including one 20 minute interval.

La Cage Aux Folles

Wednesday 9th August 14:30: £24:50: Upper Circle CC **Payment Req'd 1st May**

Overview

Embarking on its first ever UK tour, Bill Kenwright presents the highly anticipated spectacular new production of **La Cage Aux Folles**.

Georges and the dazzling drag artiste Albin, star of *la Cage aux Folles*, live an idyllic existence in the heart of St Tropez. But behind the curtains of this sparkling extravaganza, all may be about to change. Georges' son Jean-Michel announces his engagement to the daughter of a notorious

right-wing politician determined to close down the local colourful night-life. Drama and hilarity ensue when a meeting of the parents forces them to cover up their vibrant lifestyle.

Will Albin be able to play the role of his life to ensure that Jean-Michel can marry his love?

The cast features West End star **John Partridge** whose extensive theatre credits include the West End productions of *A Chorus Line* at the London Palladium, *Cats*, *Starlight Express* and *Chicago*. He is also known for playing the loveable Christian in BBC's *EastEnders* and as a judge on TV's *Over The Rainbow*. Alongside him is Broadway star **Adrian Zmed**, whose credits include *Blood Brothers*, *Grease* and *Falsettos*. On television he played Officer Vince Romano alongside William Shatner in the long running hit series *T.J. Hooker* and big screen credits include Johnny in *Grease 2*. Joining them is West End icon, **Marti Webb**. She received huge critical acclaim for *Tell Me on a Sunday*, a show specifically written for her by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Don Black. She has recorded nine solo albums and had numerous hit singles, including *Always There*, the theme from the hit BBC series *Howard's Way* and the smash hit *Take That Look Off Your Face*.

The show-stopping score includes *The Best of Times*, *Song on the Sand* and *I Am What I Am*.

Cilla The Musical

Wednesday 27th September: Upper Circle CC & DD: £27

Payment req'd 20th June

Overview

The spectacular rise of one of Britain's best-loved entertainers of all time.

Cilla - The Musical is the new spectacular and heart-warming musical adaptation of the critically acclaimed hit ITV television series by Bafta Award winner, **Jeff Pope**. It tells the extraordinary story of the teenage girl from Liverpool whose teenage dreams of stardom lead to her becoming one of Britain's best-loved entertainers of all time.

It's an introduction by a young John Lennon to music mogul Brian Epstein that changes Pricilla White's life forever. By the age of just 25 she would be known as singer and TV Star Cilla Black, Number One selling artist and at the fore-front of the Brit-Pop music scene.

The musical score is the ultimate soundtrack to the 60's including Cilla's greatest hits *Anyone Who Had a Heart*, *Alfie* and *Something Tells Me, Twist and Shout* by the Beatles, *California Dreamin* by The Mamas and The Papas' and many more.

Directed by **Bill Kenwright** and **Bob Tomson**

Executive Producer - **Robert Willis**

ENEB La Sylphide & Song of the Earth

Thursday 19th October: 14:00: £14 Upper Circle BB & CC Payment req'd 12th July

Overview

English National Ballet returns with a double bill featuring **Kenneth MacMillan's** masterpiece **Song of the Earth** and **Frank Andersen's** recreation of the beloved classic **La Sylphide**.

Song of the Earth

Inspired by Mahler's haunting song cycle *Das Lied von der Erde*, MacMillan brings music, poetry and choreography together to capture the fragility of life, and its constant renewal. Three central figures portray the bittersweet reality of love, loss, and mortality: a Woman, a Man and an enigmatic Messenger.

First performed in 1965, **Song of the Earth** was a point of departure for MacMillan's choreography, surprising and captivating audiences and critics. **English National Ballet** is honoured to add this revered MacMillan work to its repertoire.

La Sylphide

On the morning of his wedding to his sweet fiancée Effy, James awakens from a dream to see a mysterious and tantalising Sylphide before him. His obsession with her sets off a fateful sequence of events where joy turns to sorrow, love to betrayal and infatuation to tragedy.

August Bournonville's classic Romantic ballet is devotedly recreated by Eva Kloborg and Frank Andersen in this captivating production, and is accompanied by an enchanting score, played live by **English National Ballet Philharmonic**.

'a piercing work of art' Financial Times on **Song of the Earth**

Tango Moderno

Wednesday 15th November: 14:30: £24:50: Upper Circle CC & DD Payment req'd 7th July

Overview

Tango is the rhythm of the city, the heat of the streets and the pulse of life.

Tango Moderno is the irresistible hot new stage spectacular from tango superstars **Vincent Simone** and **Flavia Cacace**.

Dance partners for over two decades, world champions, *Strictly* favourites and West End stage stars Vincent and Flavia fuse together Ballroom, Latin, and Argentine tango to give you a performance that smoulders with desire. With classic steps, they create a Tango for today.

Sunset Boulevard

Wednesday 29th November: 14:30: £25: Side Stalls

Payment req'd 28th July

Overview

Andrew Lloyd Webber's Tony Award-winning masterpiece **Sunset Boulevard**, directed by **Nikolai Foster** and starring **Ria Jones** as Norma Desmond, will be coming to a venue near you.

In her mansion on Sunset Boulevard, faded silent-screen goddess Norma Desmond lives in a fantasy world. Impoverished screen writer Joe Gillis, on the run from debt collectors, stumbles into her reclusive world and is seduced by her and her luxurious lifestyle. Joe becomes trapped in a claustrophobic world until his love for another woman leads him to try and break free, with dramatic consequences.

With internationally acclaimed musical theatre star Ria Jones, who received standing ovations every night when performing the role at the London Coliseum, and its much-loved score (including *Sunset Boulevard*, *With One Look*, *The Greatest Star of All* and *The Perfect Year*) performed with full orchestra, this '**majestic, mesmerizing and teasingly seductive!**' (The Evening Standard) production promises to be a spectacular evening.

Cinderella – Pantomime

Friday 12th January 2018: 13:00: £16: Side Stalls

Payment req'd 23 Sept 2017

Overview

King of comedy, television, musical theatre and pantomime legend **Brian Conley** stars as Buttons in the greatest pantomime of them all!

Join Cinders as she transforms from rags to riches, outwits her very Ugly Sisters, and, with the help of her best friend Buttons and one very magical Fairy Godmother, wins the heart of the dashing Prince Charming.

Brought to you by Qdos Entertainment, the world's biggest pantomime producer, **Cinderella** features all of the ingredients of the perfect pantomime; a fabulous cast and orchestra, laugh-out-loud comedy, stunning scenery and special effects, beautiful costumes and plenty of boos and hisses for all the family to enjoy.

With star casting to be announced, the clock is ticking! Don't miss your chance to see **Cinderella**, the Fairy Godmother of all pantomimes. Book your tickets to the Ball today!

Flashdance

Wednesday: 18th July 2018: 14:30: £25 Side Stalls JJ1-5 KK1-5 LL 1-5 MM6-4

payment req'd 23rd Sept 2017

Overview

Dance like you've never danced before! **Flashdance - The Musical** tells the inspiring and unforgettable story of 18 year old Alex, a welder by day and 'flashdancer' by night, who dreams of going to the prestigious Shipley Dance Academy and becoming a professional dancer. When a romance complicates her ambitions, she harnesses it to drive her dream.

Based on the Paramount Pictures film (Screenplay by Tom Hedley and Joe Eszterhas, story by Tom Hedley) **Flashdance** is an inspiring musical about the power of holding onto your dreams and love against all the odds.

Prepare to be blown away with an astonishing musical spectacle and phenomenal choreography to this iconic score including the smash hit *Maniac*, *Manhunt*, *Gloria*, *I Love Rock & Roll* and the sensational title track *Flashdance... What a Feeling*.

Produced by the award winning team at **Selladoor Productions** - producers of *Footloose*, *Avenue Q* and *Little Shop of Horrors*, **Flashdance - The Musical** is not to be missed!

War Horse Overview 26th September 2018: Circle Row L £30, Side Stalls £45:50 **Payment May 2017**

Following 8 record-record breaking years in London's West End and having played in 11 countries around the world to over 7 million people, the National Theatre's acclaimed play **WAR HORSE** will soon tour the UK.

At the outbreak of World War One, Joey, young Albert's beloved horse, is sold to the Cavalry and shipped to France. He's soon caught up in enemy fire, and fate takes him on an extraordinary journey, serving on both sides before finding himself alone in no man's land. Albert, who remained on his parents' Devon farm, cannot forget Joey. Though still not old enough to enlist he embarks on a treacherous mission to find him and bring him home.

Based on the beloved novel by Michael Morpurgo, this powerfully moving and imaginative drama, filled with stirring music and songs, is a show of phenomenal inventiveness. At its heart are astonishing life-sized horses by South Africa's Handspring Puppet Company, who bring breathing, galloping, charging horses to thrilling life on stage.

War Horse is an unforgettable theatrical event which takes audiences on an extraordinary journey from the fields of rural Devon to the trenches of First World War France.
