



THE ROYAL BALLET

Director KEVIN O'HARE CBE

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Founder Choreographer SIR FREDERICK ASHTON OM CH CBE

Founder Music Director CONSTANT LAMBERT

Prima Ballerina Assoluta DAME MARGOT FONTEYN DBE

Ballet Black at 25

Lighting Designer DAVID PLATER

Approximate Timings

The performance will last approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes, including one interval

...all towards hope. 35 minutes

Interval: 20 minutes

Ingoma 35 minutes

Guidance

Age guidance 7+

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(2026)

Choreography HOPE BOYKIN

Original score BILL LAURANCE

Costume Designer JESSICA CABASSA

Assistant to the Choreographer AKUA NONI PARKER

Original text written and recorded by HOPE BOYKIN

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ROYAL BALLET & OPERA

Dancers ACAAÏ DE CASTRO, MEGAN CHIU,

ISABELA CORACY, TARAJA HUDSON,

MIKAYLA ISAACS, LOVE KOTIYA,

BHUNGANE MEHLOMAKULU,

HELGA PARIS-MORALES, ELIJAH PETERKIN,

RUBY RUNHAM, EBONY THOMAS

Ingoma

Choreography MTHUTHUZELI NOVEMBER

Original score

PETER JOHNSON, MTHUTHUZELI NOVEMBER

Costume Designer YANN SEABRA

Associate Rehearsal Director SAYAKA ICHIKAWA

Ingoma was originally co-commissioned by THE BARBICAN in 2019

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Husband EBONY THOMAS

Wife ISABELA CORACY

1st Woman's Solo HELGA PARIS-MORALES

Last Woman's Solo TARAJA HUDSON

4th March 2026 at 7.45pm

Ballet Black

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Chief Lighting Designer and Technical Manager DAVID PLATER
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Wardrobe Manager THEO WYATT
Costume Supervisor (*Ingoma*) MANUELA FLEMING

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