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# Romeo and Juliet

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## Ballet in Three Acts

Choreography KENNETH MACMILLAN  
Music SERGEY PROKOFIEV  
Designer NICHOLAS GEORGIADIS  
Lighting Designer JOHN B. READ  
Rehearsal Director CHRISTOPHER SAUNDERS  
Staging and Artistic Supervisor for the MacMillan Estate  
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Principal Coaching ALEXANDER AGADZHANOV,  
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STUART CASSIDY, ALESSANDRA FERRI,  
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Conductor KOEN KESSELS  
Orchestra of the Royal Opera House  
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General Rehearsal  
Tuesday 4 March 2025 at 12.30pm

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## Approximate Timings

The performance lasts approximately 2 hours and 55 minutes, including two intervals

ACT I 60 minutes  
INTERVAL 20 minutes  
ACT II 35 minutes  
INTERVAL 20 minutes  
ACT III 40 minutes

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## Guidance

Parental guidance recommended  
This performance contains themes of violence and death.

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## Cast

Juliet FRANCESCA HAYWARD  
Romeo CESAR CORRALES  
Mercutio DAICHI IKARASHI  
Tybalt BENNET GARTSIDE  
Benvolio LIAM BOSWELL  
Paris HARRIS BELL  
Lord Capulet CHRISTOPHER SAUNDERS  
Lady Capulet ELIZABETH MCGORIAN  
Escalus, Prince of Verona HARRY CHURCHES  
Rosaline LARA TURK  
Nurse KRISTEN MCNALLY  
Friar Laurence PHILIP MOSLEY  
Lord Montague PHILIP MOSLEY  
Lady Montague CHISATO KATSURA  
Juliet's Friends SOPHIE ALLNATT, MICA BRADBURY,  
ASHLEY DEAN, CHARLOTTE TONKINSON,  
LETICIA STOCK, MARIANNA TSEMBENHOI  
Three harlots HANNAH GRENNELL, ISABEL LUBACH,  
ROMANY PAJDAK  
Mandolin dancers JOONHYUK JUN,  
HARRY CHURCHES, TÉO DUBREUIL, TAISUKE NAKAO,  
GIACOMO ROVERO, FRANCISCO SERRANO  
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PIERRE BLANCHARD, MADDIE BRENNAN,  
LUCIEN CAMPBELL, ANGELO COASSIN, PETER  
COONEY, JORDAN CORK, RUTH CROSS, RAIN DE  
RYE BARRETT, CHRIS EDGERLEY, KACHAAN  
ELLIS, SIMON JAYMES, BLESS KLEPCHAREK,  
DAMIEN LEE STIRK, CLARE LUMLEY, FIONA  
MARSHALL, KIM MENDEZ, LAUREN PASQUALINI,  
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BARBARA RHODES, SEBASTIAN ROSE, JULIA RUIZ  
FERNANDEZ, OLGA SABADOCH, JACK SEARS,  
SULEIMAN SULEIMAN, DANIEL SWAN, VICTORIA  
TAYLOR, PETER TAYLOR, JEREMY WALLIS,  
TIM WEBSTER

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## Synopsis

The Capulets and Montagues are sworn enemies. A fight breaks out in the market place led by Romeo Montague and his friends Mercutio and Benvolio against Tybalt, Lord Capulet's nephew, and other members of the Capulet house. The Prince of Verona commands the families to end their feud. Lord and Lady Capulet introduce their daughter Juliet to Paris, a nobleman they intend her to marry. In disguise, Romeo, Mercutio and Benvolio sneak into a ball at the Capulets' house. Romeo and Juliet are taken with each other. Later, when Juliet is on her balcony, Romeo appears below and they profess their love.

INTERVAL

Juliet's nurse delivers a letter to Romeo in which Juliet says she will be his wife. The lovers are secretly married by Friar Laurence. In the market place, Tybalt fights Mercutio and kills him. Romeo avenges the death of his friend and is punished with immediate exile from Verona.

INTERVAL

Secretly, Romeo has been with Juliet through the night. In the morning, Romeo embraces Juliet and escapes as her parents enter with Paris. Juliet refuses to marry Paris, and her parents threaten to disown her. Juliet rushes to beg Friar Laurence's help. He gives her a potion that will make her fall temporarily into a deathlike sleep. Juliet agrees to marry Paris but the next morning her parents find her apparently lifeless. Romeo, who has not received the Friar's warning message about the subterfuge, returns to Verona at the news of Juliet's death. In the Capulet tomb, he believes Juliet to be dead and drinks poison. Juliet awakes, finds Romeo dead, and stabs herself.

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