

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

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BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET ANNOUNCE 2023 AMERICAN DATES IN NEW YORK

- BRB PERFORMS *INTERLINKED* AS PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL MIXED BILL AT NEW YORK CITY CENTER'S 20TH FALL FOR DANCE FESTIVAL ON THURSDAY 5 & FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER
- BRB TO BE A PART OF NEW YORK CITY PRIDE 2023

Birmingham Royal Ballet (BRB) has today announced 2023 American dates in New York City as well as participation in this year's New York City Pride.

BRB will perform at New York City Center on Thursday 5 & Friday 6 October as part of the 10 day *Fall for Dance* Festival. Now in its 20th year, *Fall for Dance* showcases an international array of dance artists and companies in a programme that aims to build new dance audiences with tickets priced at just \$20. Tickets go on public sale 10 September 2023 at 11am.

In their first-ever performance at the Festival, BRB will perform *Interlinked* by young Brazilian choreographer Juliano Nunes as part of a triple bill alongside two other international companies to be announced. With a specially composed score by Australian composer Luke Howard, *Interlinked* is an abstract piece that explores ideas of grace, beauty and harmony in ways that push the usual boundaries of classical dance which premiered during the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham last year.

Ahead of the two engagements, at the invitation of Hannah Young - Deputy Consul General from the British Consulate General New York, Birmingham Royal Ballet will perform Carlos Acosta's *Dying Swans* at a reception to celebrate the British Consulate's 10th Anniversary at New York City Pride on 25 June. Principal Dancers, Tzu-Chao Chou and Brandon Lawrence will also walk in the Pride Parade and be interviewed for the *Brits in the Big Apple* podcast.

Birmingham Royal Ballet's Director, **Carlos Acosta** said: "*It is a huge privilege for me to announce that Birmingham Royal Ballet will be performing in New York this autumn. Continuing to build upon the international reputation of this renowned Company, I look forward to showcasing the very best of what BRB has to offer to American audiences.*"

"For the very first time, BRB will perform alongside a huge variety of leading international Companies at this year's Fall for Dance Festival at New York City Center, a celebration that brings to life something very close to my heart - bringing dance to new audiences."

“After performing at this year’s Birmingham Pride in our home town, BRB will also be a part of a special event marking New York Pride 2023 as part of our ongoing commitment to embracing diversity and equality for all.

“Birmingham Royal Ballet’s New York engagement is a continuation of the ever-growing reputation of this fantastic and formidable Company made up of international dancers from across the world, proudly based in Birmingham.”

For more information visit brb.org.uk - more international tour dates will be announced soon. Birmingham Royal Ballet’s sold-out production of *Black Sabbath - The Ballet* begins performances at Birmingham Hippodrome from Saturday 23 to Saturday 30 September before touring to Theatre Royal Plymouth and London’s Sadler’s Wells.

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Listings:

Fall for Dance Festival
New York City Center
Thursday 5 & Friday 6 October 2023
nycitycenter.org

Notes to Editors:

Birmingham Royal Ballet

Based at Birmingham Hippodrome, Birmingham Royal Ballet is the United Kingdom’s leading touring ballet company performing a range of traditional, classical and heritage ballets as well as ground-breaking new works with the aim of encouraging choreographers of the future.

The Company’s Director since January 2020 is the internationally renowned Carlos Acosta. Birmingham Royal Ballet standardly performs at Birmingham Hippodrome for approximately ten weeks of the year and the remainder of the year tours throughout the United Kingdom and overseas. On average, the Company performs around 100 shows a year nationally and internationally.