

SCOTTISH BALLET

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Christopher Hampson, CEO/Artistic Director of Scottish Ballet said:

‘We are thrilled to announce our exciting plans for the 2018 season, which includes taking a full scale production - Matthew Bourne’s *Highland Fling* - to the Scottish Islands for the first time, and the company debuting in Macao, performing *Hansel and Gretel* as part of our Asian tour. In the summer we will work with YDance on a major intergenerational dance event as part of the Euro Champs festival and the Year of Young People, and in winter our classic *Cinderella* will return due to popular demand.’

Spring 2018:

Matthew Bourne’s *Highland Fling* dances its way to the Scottish Islands

Following performances in Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scottish Ballet will take Matthew Bourne’s *Highland Fling* to Shetland, Orkney, Lewis and Argyll. Sponsors Loganair will fly the dancers and crew to the islands, whilst Calmac will transport the set and costumes. This is the first time Scottish Ballet has toured a full-scale production to such remote locations, where the company will turn local sports complexes and town halls into full scale theatres for the performances, giving regional audiences the exact same experience as those in the city.

Affectionately known as a *romantic wee ballet*, *Highland Fling* was originally produced in 1994 by Olivier Award-winner Matthew Bourne. Presented exclusively by Scottish Ballet, Matthew Bourne’s *Highland Fling* is a wonderfully imaginative re-working of the classic romantic ballet *La Sylphide* with a wickedly wry Scots twist and hilarity mixed with classical ballet. In addition, Scottish Ballet is the only company to be given the rights to recreate any of Matthew Bourne’s works.

Matthew Bourne's *Highland Fling* Tour Dates:

- Theatre Royal, Glasgow 4-7 April 2018
- Festival Theatre, Edinburgh 10-14 April 2018
- Clickimin Main Hall, Lerwick 21-22 April 2018
- Pickaquooy Centre, Kirkwall 25 – 26 April 2018
- Atlantis Leisure, Oban 29-30 April 2018
- Lewis Sports Centre, Stornoway 3-4 May 2018

Summer 2018: *Hansel & Gretel* tours Asia:

Christopher Hampson's *Hansel & Gretel* will be performed by Scottish Ballet outside of the UK for the first time, and the company will make its debut in Macao, following stops in Seoul and Hong Kong. A carousel of delicious treats from start to finish, *Hansel & Gretel* is full to the brim with magic and wit, with toys that come to life and a beautiful, bewitching ballerina.

- **LG Arts Center, Seoul** Performances 23 – 27 May 2018
- **Hong Kong Cultural Centre, International Arts Carnival 2018** 6 – 8 July 2018
- **Macao Cultural Centre, with the Macao Orchestra** 13 – 15 July 2018

Summer 2018: Scottish Ballet at Glasgow 2018 Euro Champs

Scottish Ballet will collaborate with YDance to create an intergenerational dance festival that will involve community dancers aged from 15 to 70. Scottish Ballet's Youth Exchange and Elders will be involved alongside National Youth Dance Scotland and performances will take place in Glasgow during August as part of the Glasgow 2018 European Championships Festival.

Winter Season 2018/2019

Christopher Hampson's classic *Cinderella* returns by popular demand

The hugely popular *Cinderella* returns as part of Scottish Ballet's Winter Season 2018/2019. Originally created for the Royal New Zealand Ballet by Christopher Hampson, this ravishing interpretation of Cinderella features luxurious costumes and extravagant sets, accompanied live by the Scottish Ballet Orchestra, performing the world famous Prokofiev score.

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