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Royal Ballet star joins Northern Ballet in Leeds

Las Hermanas / Concerto / Gloria
16 & 17 March 2018, Leeds Grand Theatre

Northern Ballet has announced that Royal Ballet star [Zenaida Yanowsky](#) will be performing with the Company as a Guest Artist during their run of [Las Hermanas / Concerto / Gloria](#) at Leeds Grand Theatre. One of the most exquisite dancers of her generation, award-winning Yanowsky will perform in *Las Hermanas* for two performances only on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 March (eve).

Yanowsky became a Principal dancer with The Royal Ballet in 2001 and has performed in all the Company's major works to critical acclaim; most recently winning the National Dance Award for Outstanding Female Performance (Classical) in 2016. In 2017 she became a Guest Principal with The Royal Ballet and these performances of *Las Hermanas* with Northern Ballet mark her first collaboration with the Company.

Las Hermanas will be performed as part of a triple bill which also includes [Concerto](#) and [Gloria](#), all works by one of the world's most celebrated choreographers, Sir Kenneth MacMillan. This triple bill offers Leeds audiences a rare opportunity to see three ballet master works performed on their doorstep. The performances at Leeds Grand Theatre from 16 – 17 March follows the Company's hugely anticipated and well-received première of this programme in October last year, as well as Northern Ballet's Royal Opera House mainstage debut where they performed *Gloria* receiving glowing five star national reviews.

David Nixon OBE, Artistic Director of Northern Ballet said: 'I am really delighted that Zenaida Yanowsky will be joining Northern Ballet to perform with us as Guest Artist for the first time. We were honoured to be asked to participate in the national celebration of Sir Kenneth MacMillan last year and this collaboration between the Royal Opera House and Northern Ballet has been instrumental in bringing this wonderful dancer to perform with us in Leeds. It is an incredible and rare treat for our home audiences in Leeds to see this programme of work by Sir Kenneth MacMillan, and now that Zenaida will be joining us, this will be even more of a special event.'



[Northern Ballet in *Las Hermanas, Concerto and Gloria*. Photos Emma Kauldhar]

About *Las Hermanas / Concerto / Gloria*

Las Hermanas – Meaning 'The Sisters', *Las Hermanas* tells the story of five sisters living under the oppressive rule of their mother. The contrasting temperaments of each sister are demonstrated through MacMillan's choreography which explores the powerful effects of sexuality, repression and jealousy, and when the younger sister seduces the eldest sister's fiancé, the consequences are devastating.

Concerto - *Concerto* was originally created by Kenneth MacMillan for Deutsche Oper Ballet, Berlin to showcase the vivacity of the Company. A dazzling classical piece, *Concerto* perfectly complements the energy and precision of Shostakovich's Piano *Concerto* No. 2 in F Major to which it is performed.

Gloria – A deeply moving piece inspired by Vera Brittain's wartime memoir Testament of Youth, in which the author laments the sacrifice of her fiancé and brother during World War I. A haunting tribute to the fallen, *Gloria* depicts the futility and brutality of war made all the more painful by contrasting moments recalling happier times of hopeful joy.

One of the leading choreographers of his generation, Sir Kenneth MacMillan enjoyed a close association with The Royal Ballet where he held positions as Director and Principal Choreographer. With a choreographic career spanning nearly four decades he created almost 100 works, many of which are still in the repertoires of leading companies across the globe.

Tickets for Northern Ballet's *Las Hermanas / Concerto / Gloria* at Leeds Grand Theatre are on sale now. To book, visit leedsgrandtheatre.com or call the Box Office on 0844 848 2700*. Visit northernballet.com/macmillan for details.

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Notes to Editors

Las Hermanas / Concerto / Gloria – Performance Dates

Leeds Grand Theatre
16 – 17 March 2018**
Box Office 0844 848 2700*
leedsgrandtheatre.com

*Calls to 0844 numbers cost up to 7p per minute plus your phone company's charge.

**Zenaida Yanowsky will perform during the evening performances only and not during the matinee on 17 March 2018.

Northern Ballet

Artistic Director – David Nixon OBE

Northern Ballet is one of the UK's leading ballet companies and the widest touring ballet company in the UK. Bold and innovative in its approach, Northern Ballet is prolific at creating new full-length work with a unique blend of strong classical technique and world-class storytelling. Northern Ballet's repertoire embraces popular culture and takes inspiration from literature, legend, opera and the classics, pushing the boundaries of what stories can be told through dance.

A champion for the cultural exports of the North, Leeds-based Northern Ballet is dedicated to bringing world-class story ballets to as many people and places as possible, under the leadership of Artistic Director David Nixon OBE. Northern Ballet's Company of 46 dancers performs a combination of its full-length ballets and specially created ballets for children at almost 50 venues annually.

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