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# **English National Ballet announces casting for The Forsythe Programme**

As part of its 75<sup>th</sup> Season, English National Ballet returns to Sadler's Wells, London, with **The Forsythe Programme**, a triple bill highlighting the work of acclaimed choreographer William Forsythe.

This special programme opens with the chance to experience a new trio from the master choreographer. *Rearray (London Edition 2025)* is Forsythe's newest iteration of his 2011 work, originally created for the legendary ballerina Sylvie Guillem and revised in 2024 for the Paris Opera Ballet.

English National Ballet will also perform *Herman Schmerman (Quintet)*, a classic showcase of Forsythe's signature style not seen in the UK for nearly 30 years. The electronic music soundtrack is by Thom Willems, a long-time collaborator of Forsythe.

Combining ballet classicism and athleticism with the music of Barry White, Natalie Cole and Khalid to name just a few, audience favourite, *Playlist (EP)* returns. Forsythe created *Playlist (Track 1, 2)* for English National Ballet in 2018 with the Company last performing the extended version, *Playlist (EP)*, in 2022.

# Casting:

#### Thursday 10 April, 7.30pm

#### Rearray (London Edition 2025)

Sangeun Lee Henry Dowden, Rentaro Nakaaki

#### Herman Schmerman (Quintet)

Aitor Arrieta, Alice Bellini, Ivana Bueno, Francesco Gabriele Frola, Swanice Luong

#### Playlist (EP)

Anri Sugiura, Emily Suzuki / Sangeun Lee, Gareth Haw / Shiori Kase, Rhys Antoni Yeomans / Haruhi Otani, Erik Woolhouse / Precious Adams, Junor Souza Artists of English National Ballet

#### Friday 11 April, 7.30pm

# Rearray (London Edition 2025)

**Emily Suzuki** 

Jose María Lorca Menchón, Miguel Angel Maidana

#### Herman Schmerman (Quintet)

Georgia Bould, Julia Conway, Noam Durand, Minju Kang, Rhys Antoni Yeomans

## Playlist (EP)

Angela Wood, Alice Bellini / Precious Adams, Junor Souza / Katja Khaniukova, Aitor Arrieta / Swanice Luong, Eric Snyder / Julia Conway, Gareth Haw Artists of English National Ballet

# Saturday 12 April, 2.30pm

### Rearray (London Edition 2025)

Angela Wood

Erik Woolhouse, Rentaro Nakaaki

## Herman Schmerman (Quintet)

Matthew Astley, Ashley Coupal, Carolyne Galvao, Haruhi Otani, Eric Snyder

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#### Sunday 13 April, 2.30pm

# Rearray (London Edition 2025)

Emily Suzuki

Jose María Lorca Menchón, Miguel Angel Maidana

#### Herman Schmerman (Quintet)

Precious Adams, Shunhei Fuchiyama, Shiori Kase, Nathaniel Ritter-Magot, Anri Sugiura

#### Playlist (EP)

Angela Wood, Alice Bellini / Precious Adams, Junor Souza / Katja Khaniukova, Aitor Arrieta / Swanice Luong, Eric Snyder / Julia Conway, Gareth Haw Artists of English National Ballet

#### Tuesday 15 April, 7.30pm

# Rearray (London Edition 2025)

**Emily Suzuki** 

Jose María Lorca Menchón, Miguel Angel Maidana

# Herman Schmerman (Quintet)

Georgia Bould, Julia Conway, Noam Durand, Minju Kang, Rhys Antoni Yeomans

#### Playlist (EP)

Ivana Bueno, Minju Kang / Angela Wood, Vsevolod Maievskyi / Julia Conway, Rentaro Nakaaki / Precious Adams, Henry Dowden / Emily Suzuki, Rhys Antoni Yeomans Artists of English National Ballet

#### Wednesday 16 April, 7.30pm

### Rearray (London Edition 2025)

Sangeun Lee

Henry Dowden, Rentaro Nakaaki

## Herman Schmerman (Quintet)

Aitor Arrieta, Alice Bellini, Ivana Bueno, Francesco Gabriele Frola, Swanice Luong

#### Playlist (EP)

Angela Wood, Alice Bellini / Precious Adams, Junor Souza / Katja Khaniukova, Aitor Arrieta / Swanice Luong, Eric Snyder / Julia Conway / Gareth Haw Artists of English National Ballet

# Thursday 17 April, 2.30pm

#### Rearray (London Edition 2025)

Angela Wood

Erik Woolhouse, Rentaro Nakaaki

#### Herman Schmerman (Quintet)

Precious Adams, Shunhei Fuchiyama, Shiori Kase, Nathaniel Ritter-Magot, Anri Sugiura

# Playlist (EP)

Ivana Bueno, Minju Kang / Angela Wood, Vsevolod Maievskyi / Julia Conway, Rentaro Nakaaki / Precious Adams, Henry Dowden / Emily Suzuki, Rhys Antoni Yeomans
Artists of English National Ballet

#### Thursday 17 April, 7.30pm

# Rearray (London Edition 2025)

Emily Suzuki

Jose María Lorca Menchón, Miguel Angel Maidana

#### Herman Schmerman (Quintet)

Ashley Coupal, Carolyne Galvao, Haruhi Otani, Thiago Silva, Eric Snyder

#### Playlist (EP)

Anri Sugiura, Emily Suzuki / Sangeun Lee, Gareth Haw / Haruhi Otani, Noam Durand / Ashley Coupal, Thiago Silva / Ivana Bueno, Rhys Antoni Yeomans Artists of English National Ballet

#### Saturday 19 April, 2.30pm

# Rearray (London Edition 2025)

Angela Wood

Erik Woolhouse, Rentaro Nakaaki

# Herman Schmerman (Quintet)

Matthew Astley, Ashley Coupal, Carolyne Galvao, Haruhi Otani, Eric Snyder

#### Playlist (EP)

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#### Rearray (London Edition 2025)

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#### Herman Schmerman (Quintet)

Georgia Bould, Julia Conway, Noam Durand, Minju Kang, Rhys Antoni Yeomans

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Please note casting is subject to change, see www.ballet.org.uk for up-to-date casting.

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Listings
The Forsythe Programme
Sadler's Wells, London
Thursday 10 April – Saturday 19 April 2025
www.ballet.org.uk/forsythe

Press night: Thursday 10 April 2025

#### **Notes to Editors**

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# **About English National Ballet**

English National Ballet has a long and distinguished history. Founded in 1950 as London Festival Ballet by the great English dancers Alicia Markova and Anton Dolin, it has been at the forefront of ballet's growth and evolution ever since.

English National Ballet brings world class ballet to the widest possible audience through performances across the UK and on eminent international stages; its distinguished orchestra, English National Ballet Philharmonic; its digital platforms Ballet on Demand and BalletActive; being a UK leader in creative learning and engagement practice, building innovative partnerships to deliver flagship programmes such as Dance for Parkinson's; and through talent development initiatives including Ballet Futures which looks to create a more diverse and inclusive future for the artform.

English National Ballet continues to add ground-breaking new works to its repertoire whilst celebrating the tradition of great classical ballet, gaining acclaim for artistic excellence and creativity. 2019 saw the Company enter a new chapter in its history with a move to a purpose-built state-of-the-art home in east London, allowing a renewed commitment to creativity, ambition, and connection to more people, near and far, than ever before.