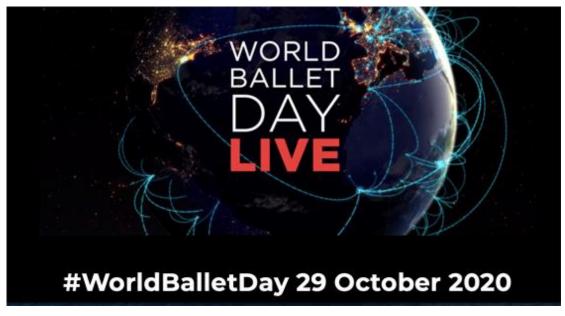
World Ballet Day returns on 29 October 2020

ITI invites you to celebrate World Ballet Day that is celebrated on 29 October.



For watching the trailer, click on the picture or visit <u>www.worldballetday.com</u>.

Chris Shipman of the Royal Opera Ballet informs us: "World Ballet Day returns on 29 October 2020 for a global celebration to unite the dance community as it faces the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Join us as we celebrate the best creative teams, dancers and artistic communities across the world, bringing companies together to celebrate past, present and future.

World Ballet Day launched in 2014 and returns in 2020 for its seventh year, showcasing the best of global dance and presenting an opportunity for audiences to go behind the scenes of the world's top ballet companies including <u>The Australian Ballet</u>, <u>Bolshoi Ballet</u> and <u>The Royal Ballet</u>.

Each company will be streaming live rehearsals and bespoke insights, in accordance with their respective local COVID-19 guidance via their Facebook and YouTube pages as well as via Tencent video in China.

COVID-19 has had a huge impact on the global dance community with dancers unable to rehearsal or perform for many months. As new COVID-19 guidelines come into place, the dance world is slowly beginning to return to the stage and this year's World Ballet Day will provide an exclusive insight into how dance companies are responding to these new ways of rehearsing, working and performing.

World Ballet Day 2020 invites audiences to experience morning class, which in the UK, will take place on the iconic Royal Opera House stage. There will be exclusive interviews and access to backstage rehearsals, as we prepare for The Royal Ballet: Live, the first series of live performances for The Royal Ballet in seven months. The Australian Ballet will kick off the live stream (2.00 am GMT) before passing the baton to the Bolshoi Ballet (7.00 am GMT) and on to The Royal Ballet (11.00 am to 3.00 pm GMT). A full schedule from these global dance companies will be available via worldballetday.com

Kevin O'Hare, Director of The Royal Ballet: "Since 2014 World Ballet Day has proved a wonderful platform for connecting ballet lovers across the globe and now, more than ever, this digital celebration of dance promises to unite us all as we face new, shared challenges across the world. (...) We look forward to celebrating the incredible talents of all the international artists involved and bringing our art form to audiences who are missing live performance."

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