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## **Northern Ballet returns to touring this June**



Joseph Taylor & Antoinette Brooks-Daw in *Dangerous Liaisons*. Photo Emma Kauldhar.

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***Dangerous Liaisons*: 1 – 10 June 2021**

***Contemporary Cuts 2021*: 11 & 12 June 2021**

***Swan Lake*: 17 – 26 June 2021**

Northern Ballet plans to return to touring for the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Leeds-based company, which has not been able to perform outside of its home city since November 2019, will hold a limited three venue tour to Salford, London and Leeds this June.

The Company will open its tour with a revival of David Nixon OBE's *Dangerous Liaisons* with performances at The Lowry, Salford from 1 – 5 June 2021, followed by performances at Sadler's Wells, London from 8 – 10 June 2021. Inspired by the original scandalous novel and acclaimed Hollywood retellings, danced to Vivaldi's rousing *The Four Seasons*,

*Dangerous Liaisons* is the bodice-ripping tale of two bored aristocrats as they spin a web of heartbreak and ruin.



Sarah Chun and Joseph Taylor in *Dangerous Liaisons*. Photo Emma Kauldhar.

Also at Sadler's Wells, from 11 – 12 June 2021 Northern Ballet will perform *Contemporary Cuts 2021*, a mixed programme of contemporary and modern ballet works including the London première of Kenneth Tindall's *States of Mind* and Amaury Lebrun's *For an Instant* as well as Demis Volpi's *Little Monsters* and excerpts from Jonathan Watkins' *1984* and Cathy Marston's *Jane Eyre*.



Minju Kang with Ayami Miyata and Kyungka Kwak in *States of Mind*. Photo Emma Kauldhar.

Closing the season, Northern Ballet will return home to Leeds Grand Theatre for performances of David Nixon OBE's *Swan Lake*, a unique adaptation of the traditional tale where, haunted by a childhood tragedy resulting in the death of his beloved brother, Anthony looks to the water for answers – in whatever form they take.



Antoinette Brooks-Daw, Jenny Hackwell, Rachael Gillespie and Isabelle Clough in *Swan Lake*.

Photo Lauren Godfrey.

David Nixon OBE, Artistic Director of Northern Ballet, said: “We are thrilled to be able to announce this return to touring. As the pandemic has continued, so has our hunger to perform live and although this is only a short tour, I truly hope that these first steps are the beginning of a return to normality. We cannot wait to see our audiences in person and hope that this tour will open the doors to more performances, more venues and full audiences in the near future.”

*Dangerous Liaisons* and *Swan Lake* will feature live music played by Northern Ballet Sinfonia. *Contemporary Cuts 2021* will be performed to recorded music apart from live piano for the *Jane Eyre* excerpt. *Dangerous Liaisons* and *Contemporary Cuts 2021* performances will be performed in full costume but ‘black box style’ without sets. Audiences will be socially distanced.

For full details of all performances plus booking information visit [northernballet.com/whats-on](https://northernballet.com/whats-on)

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## **Notes to Editors**

### **Tour Details**

#### ***Dangerous Liaisons***

**Salford, The Lowry**

1 – 5 June 2021 

Box Office: 0343 208 6000\*

[thelowry.com/dance](http://thelowry.com/dance)

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#### ***Dangerous Liaisons***

**London, Sadler's Wells**

8 – 10 June 2021 

[sadlerswells.com](http://sadlerswells.com)

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#### ***Contemporary Cuts 2021***

**London, Sadler's Wells**

11 & 12 June 2021

[sadlerswells.com](http://sadlerswells.com)

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#### ***Swan Lake***

**Leeds Grand Theatre**

17 – 26 June 2021

[leedsheritagetheatres.com](http://leedsheritagetheatres.com)

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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 impressive 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 ballet to as many people and places as possible, under the leadership of Artistic Director David Nixon OBE. Northern Ballet's Company of dancers performs a combination of its full-length ballets and specially created ballets for children at more than 40 venues annually.

For more details of Northern Ballet's tour, on sale dates and booking information, please visit [northernballet.com/whats-on](http://northernballet.com/whats-on)



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