

THE CELLIST | DANCES AT A GATHERING

Internationally acclaimed choreographer Cathy Marston, previously Associate Artist of The Royal Ballet and Director of Bern Ballett, created *The Cellist* for The Royal Ballet in 2020. The inspiration for her first work for the Royal Opera House Main Stage is the momentous life and career of cellist Jacqueline du Pré – from her discovery of the cello and her celebrity as one of its most extraordinary players, to her pain, frustration and struggle with multiple sclerosis. Composer Philip Feeney incorporates some of the most moving and powerful music for cello by Elgar, Beethoven, Fauré, Mendelssohn, Piatti, Rachmaninoff and Schubert into an exquisite score that is itself an homage to the cello.

Jerome Robbins' elegant and elegiac classic, *Dances at a Gathering*, is the other work in the programme – an exercise in pure dance for five couples, set to music by Chopin, and is a masterpiece of subtlety and invention.



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SCENARIO CATHY MARSTON
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MUSIC PHILIP FEENEY
SET DESIGNER HILDEGARD BECHTLER
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