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800,264 PEOPLE ENGAGED IN OUR ACTIVITY

364,711 LIVE AUDIENCE MEMBERS

24%

FIRST TIME ATTENDERS

83%

TOTAL TICKETS SOLD ACROSS ALL PUBLIC PERFORMANCES

275

PERFORMANCES

27 VENUES

4

COUNTRIES

426

WORKSHOPS

4.207

MULKSHUD DARTICIDANTS

1,746

INTÉRNATIONAL CINEMA ADMISSIONS

43

INTERNATIONAL CINEMA SCREENINGS

TERRITORIES: USA, MALTA, LATVIA, FINLAND & CANADA

429,600

VIEWERŚ – *CINDERELLA* TV BROADCAST, BOXING DAY, BBC2

Awards & Achievements

9 APRIL 2017 Olivier Awards —
Winner of Best Entertainment and
Matthew Bourne winner of Best Theatre
Choreographer for *The Red Shoes*

20 APRIL 2017 Matthew Bourne announced as Associate Artist for Center Theater Group in Los Angeles, USA

28 APRIL 2017 Matthew Bourne – Critics' Circle Award for Outstanding Services to the Arts

20 OCTOBER 2017 Matthew Bourne listed in Evening Standard's list for 2017 of London's most influential people (Theatre & Dance category)

25 OCTOBER 2017 Matthew Bourne's production of *The Red Shoes* shortlisted in the 2017 BroadwayWorld UK Awards for Outstanding Achievement in a New Dance Production

5 JANUARY 2018 *The Stage 100*: Matthew Bourne (21); New Adventures Associate Artist, Paule Constable (89)

19 FEBRUARY 2018 National Dance Awards 2017 – Matthew Bourne for The Red Shoes nominated for Best Modern Choreographer; Ashley Shaw as Vicky Page in The Red Shoes winner of Outstanding Female Performance (Modern); Lez Brotherston winner of the De Valois Award for Outstanding Achievement

19 MARCH 2018 The Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Awards — Matthew Bourne winner of the LADCC Choreography Award and Lez Brotherston winner for Costume Design, both for The Red Shoes





Welcome to our annual review for 2017/18

Our second annual review looks back on another successful year for our work onstage, our investment in talent and development and our work with children, young people and communities. 2017 marked the continuing celebrations of our 30th anniversary year and the work of New Adventures was recognised in award ceremonies in the UK and the USA. We toured 4 shows for 40 weeks nationally and internationally and we performed to 364,711 live audience members.

The Red Shoes continued its triumphant UK tour and then made its international debut at the Ahmanson Theater in Los Angeles to great critical acclaim. And on the other side of the globe Lord of the Flies had its international premiere at Arts Centre Melbourne. At the end of the year we opened Cinderella at Sadler's Wells for our 16th Christmas season followed by a UK tour in 2018. The production was also broadcast on BBC2 on Boxing Day 2017 and was watched by 429,660 viewers.

We were thrilled to continue our partnership with Central School of Ballet for the second year of our Student Associates scheme, the scheme is proudly supported by the Archie Lloyd Foundation enabling us to build on our commitment to support dance schools and conservatoires. 2017/18 saw the launch of Swan School, a talent and development initiative to help diversify the industry and prepare graduates for auditions.

We have continued to create and deliver exceptional projects for children, young people and communities and 2018 began with the culmination of our first Dancers in Residence whole school project with William Patten Primary school on the Sadler's Wells stage. You can read more about this and our other ambitious projects, including Cinderella: A Museum Adventure a project delivered in partnership with Imperial War Museums, within this review.

And finally a big thank you to all members of the New Adventures family we worked with and who supported us in 2017/18, none of this would be possible without each and every one of you. And a huge thank you to our audiences, you are why we do what we do, and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

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The Red Shoes

UK & INTERNATIONAL TOUR

A beloved fairy tale and Academy Award-winning movie, *The Red Shoes* has seduced audiences and inspired generations of dancers with its tale of obsession, possession and one girl's dream to be the greatest dancer in the world. Matthew Bourne's magical adaptation of the legendary Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger film reunited the New Adventures' team that brought us the world-wide hit, *Sleeping Beauty*, with sumptuous designs by Lez Brotherston (set and costumes), Paule Constable (lighting) and Paul Groothuis (sound).

The Red Shoes is set to a new score arranged by Terry Davies using the mesmerizing music of golden-age Hollywood composer, Bernard Herrmann.

The show opened on 21 November 2016 at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth, with an eight-week Christmas season at Sadler's Wells before continuing its UK tour in 2017. *The Red Shoes* had its American premiere at the Ahmanson Theatre in Los Angeles on 15 September 2018, followed by seasons at The Kennedy Center, Washington DC; Blumenthal Performing Arts, Charlotte and City Center, New York.

MANCHESTER THEATRE AWARDS 2017 – Nominated for The Robert Robson Award for Best New Dance

OLIVIER AWARDS 2017 — Winner of **Best Entertainment** and Matthew Bourne winner of **Best Theatre Choreographer**

HOSPITAL CLUB'S H.CLUB 100 AWARD — Ashley Shaw winner of Theatre & Performance

BROADWAY WORLD UK AWARDS 2017 – Nominated for Outstanding Achievement in a New Dance Production

NATIONAL DANCE AWARDS 2017 — Matthew Bourne nominated for Best Modern Choreography and Ashley Shaw as Vicky Page winner of Outstanding Female Performance (Modern)

LOS ANGELES DRAMA CRITICS AWARDS 2017 -

Matthew Bourne winner of the **Choreography** award, Lez Brotherston winner of the **Costume Design** award, Paule Constable nominated for the **Lighting Design** award

BIRMINGHAM WHAT'S ON AWARDS 2018 - Nominated for Best Dance Production

BESSIE AWARDS 2018 – Nominated for Outstanding Production and Outstanding Visual Design

27 DANCERS

OFF STAGE AND BACKSTAGE WORKERS

34 PERFORMANCES IN 2017/18

70,333AUDIENCE MEMBERS IN 2017/18

OUR TOTAL LIVE AUDIENCE FOR THE RED SHOES IS NOW 374,280 ACROSS

PERFORMANCES





Early Adventures

UK & INTERNATIONAL TOUR

Matthew Bourne's *Early Adventures* returned in 2017/18, as part of the company's 30th Anniversary celebrations. With designs by long-time collaborator Lez Brotherston, Matthew returned to his roots with a programme of hit pieces that launched his career and saw the birth of the style, wit and sheer entertainment that have become hallmarks of the New Adventures company today.

The programme included: *The Infernal Galop, Town and Country* and *Watch with Mother.*

Early Adventures toured the UK and to Madrid, Spain from February to April 2017 and visited Los Angeles, USA in May 2017.

Watch with Mother was listed in the Top 10 Best Dance of 2017 by Luke Jennings for the Guardian.

9 DANCERS

29 OFF STAGE AND BACKSTAGE WORKERS

19 PERFORMANCES IN 2017/18

12,862AUDIENCE MEMBERS IN 2017/18

OUR TOTAL LIVE AUDIENCE FOR EARLY ADVENTURES IS NOW

67,995 ACROSS

135

PERFORMANCES



Cinderella

UK TOUR

One of New Adventures' most popular and beloved productions, *Cinderella* returned in 2017 — a thrilling and evocative love story, set in London during the Second World War.

Matthew Bourne's vivid story telling has never been more heart-stopping and touching and takes the audience into the heart of Prokofiev's magnificent score, and the sights and sounds of war-torn London.

The design team included Lez Brotherston (set and costumes), Neil Austin (lighting), Duncan McLean (video) and sound by Paul Groothuis, featuring a specially commissioned recording played by a 60-piece orchestra.

Matthew Bourne's *Cinderella* played at Sadler's Wells in 2017 for New Adventures' 16th Christmas Season from 9 Dec 2017 – 27 Jan 2018, followed by a major UK Tour. The production was filmed at Sadler's Wells in December and was broadcast on BBC 2 on Boxing Day 2017.

27
DANCERS

80 OFF STAGE AND BACKSTAGE WORKERS

114 PERFORMANCES IN 2017/18

165,096AUDIENCE MEMBERS IN 2017/18

429,600
PEOPLE WATCHED
CINDERELLA ON BBC
ON BOXING DAY 2017

OUR TOTAL LIVE AUDIENCE FOR *CINDERELLA* IS NOW

445,195 ACROSS

318

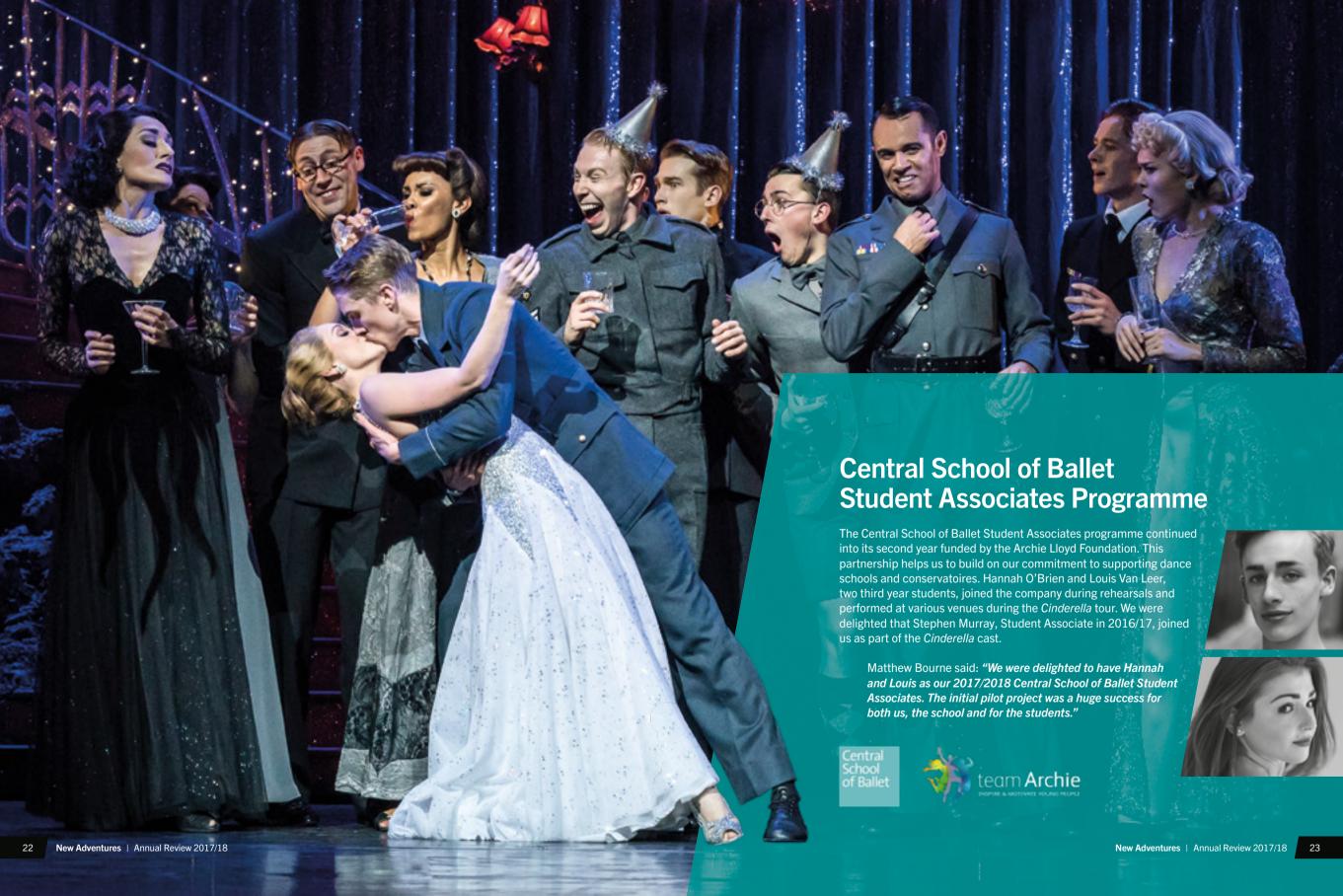
PERFORMANCES















A Summer Adventure

Our annual 'A Summer Adventure' intensive took place from 31 August — 2 September 2017 at Central School of Ballet. The group was made up of 10 male and 16 female dancers who were either invited to apply following our annual auditions, seen at conservatoire workshops or performances or invited based on their application. The dancers worked with company dancers to explore the art of storytelling through movement. The intensive culminated in an informal sharing.

Masterclasses

We held three Masterclasses for trained dancers or those currently in training; an *Early Adventures* open workshop at Sadler's Wells, an open workshop for *The Red Shoes* in Leeds and a *Cinderella* open workshop at Sadler's Wells. Led by New Adventures principal dancers participants took class, learnt repertoire from the shows and delved into creative tasks. The sessions finished with a Q&A with principal cast members, the creative team and Matthew Bourne.

Professional Class

As part of a new initiative we held professional classes in 2017/18 for invited dancers to nurture potential candidates for our Annual Auditions, particularly dancers from black and minority ethnic (BAME) backgrounds. 45 male and female dancers, 25% of whom were BAME, attended the classes which were led by different New Adventures dance artists. 21 of those who attended these classes were recalled for our auditions in February 2018.

Annual Auditions

We held two sets of annual auditions, attended by over 600 auditionees. 23 of these were offered a performance contract with the company. As part of our commitment to developing talent and diversifying the industry we then invited a number of these auditionees who showed potential and promise to take part in one of our other talent development opportunities. 25 were invited to take part in A Summer Adventure, 43 were invited to participate in Swan School and 45 attended Professional Class.

For both sets of auditions 18% of applicants were from BAME backgrounds. 64 dancers were recalled, of whom 25% were BAME.

Children, Young People & Communities

In 2017/18 New Adventures delivered **426** workshop sessions to **4207** participants

THE WORKSHOP OPENED MY EYES TO A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE OF DANCE AND I LEARNT A LOT

– WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT

















Digital

We launched our new website designed by Supercool in February 2018. Our new site has enabled a plethora of opportunities to present our content in an engaging, intuitive and exciting way. Our website is our venue and allows users to obtain the information they need quickly as well as explore the history of the company, our shows and how to take part.

As part of the launch we developed a new digital learning section of the site for *Cinderella*. The Behind the Scenes content was commissioned and created with The Space. First week viewing figures for each of the videos released as part of Cinderella: Behind the Scenes were very strong and built steadily throughout the tour. The first video — *Cinderella: A Wartime Fairytale* was viewed 26.1k times in the first week and the second video Cinderella: Costumes & Characters was viewed 48.8k times in the first week of its release.

Cinderella was broadcast on BBC2 on Boxing Day 2017 to an audience of 429,600. Swan Lake was available to view on Sky's On Demand service throughout 2017/18 and was watched 6,559 times.

the space **SUPERCOOL**.

FIGURES AS OF MARCH 2018

50,000 FACEBOOK LIKES

20,000TWITTER FOLLOWERS

8,000INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

MATTHEW BOURNE

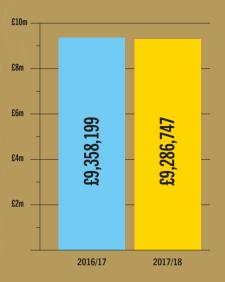
32,000TWITTER FOLLOWERS

18,000INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS



Finance & Governance

Income



14% OF INCOME FROM ACE AND OTHER FUNDRAISED SOURCES

1.5% OF INCOME FROM WORKSHOPS AND ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

84.5% OF INCOME FROM TOURING ACTIVITY

Expenditure



4.5% OF EXPENDITURE SPENT ON STAFFING AND OVERHEADS

95.5% OF EXPENDITURE SPENT ON PRODUCTIONS AND PROJECTS

Impact

Our Arts Council England subsidy of £1,294,000 reached 800,264 people resulting in a per head subsidy of £1.61.

An average of 24% of our bookers were first time attenders to the venues that we have been able to collate data from. This equates to approximately 87,530 people new to experiencing dance live in theatres.

Governance

Trustees

Jeanette Siddall CBE (Chair)
Sean Egan
Brenda Emmanus
Imogen Kinchin (resigned 12 Dec 2017)
Simon Lacey (resigned 6 Mar 2018)
Helen Protheroe
Dr Kaneez Shaid MBE
Kenneth Tharp
Sharon Watson (resigned 4 Jan 2018)

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