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# FREDERICK ASHTON

LA VALSE · 'MÉDITATION' FROM THAÏS  
VOICES OF SPRING · MONOTONES I AND II  
MARGUERITE AND ARMAND

Frederick Ashton, Founder Choreographer of The Royal Ballet, was one of the 20th century's most influential choreographers, whose musical, subtle and graceful style and extraordinary gift for storytelling had a profound impact on the development of British ballet. This special programme, performed at the Royal Opera House to mark the 25th anniversary of Ashton's death, presents five works that demonstrate his astonishing versatility, from compelling abstract ballets – such as the exuberant *Voices of Spring* and the radically modernist *Monotones* – to the tragic love story *Marguerite and Armand*, brought to life with 'performances of heart-wrenching intensity' (*The Observer*) by Tamara Rojo and Sergei Polunin. Filmed in High Definition and recorded in true Surround Sound.

## BONUS FEATURES

Introduction to Frederick Ashton  
Introductions to the ballets  
The Ashton Foundation



DIRECTED FOR THE SCREEN BY Margaret Williams

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The Royal Ballet  
CHOREOGRAPHY Frederick Ashton  
Orchestra of the Royal Opera House  
CONDUCTOR Emmanuel Plasson  
CONCERT MASTER Vasko Vassilev

LA VALSE  
MUSIC Maurice Ravel

Hikaru Kobayashi, Ryoichi Hirano,  
Samantha Raine, Bennet Gartside,  
Helen Crawford, Brian Maloney  
Artists of The Royal Ballet

'MÉDITATION' FROM THAÏS  
MUSIC Jules Massenet  
Leanne Benjamin, Valeri Hristov  
SOLO VIOLIN Vasko Vassilev

VOICES OF SPRING  
MUSIC Johann Strauss II  
Yuhui Choe, Alexander Campbell

MONOTONES I AND II  
MUSIC Erik Satie

Emma Maguire, Akane Takada,  
Dawid Trzemiesiech,  
Nehemiah Kish, Edward Watson,  
Marianela Nuñez

MARGUERITE AND ARMAND  
MUSIC Franz Liszt

Tamara Rojo, Sergei Polunin,  
Christopher Saunders, Gary Avis  
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