

Dance Umbrella and Sadler's Wells present

The Nutcracker with a twist...



Mark Morris Dance Group

The Hard Nut

'By far the most individual and diverting of this year's Nutcracker interpretations...brilliant.'

The Independent, Sept 2004

**Fri 12 - Sat 27
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'It's a Nutcracker nut's bonanza. A lovely and touching piece of choreography.'

THE WASHINGTON POST



'Morris' choreography is dazzling... It deepens our love of the original and makes us marvel at the outrageous originality of Morris' genius in retelling it.'

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE



With mini-skirts, bouffant hairdos and dancing Barbies, this Nutcracker is a hilarious and delicious take on the classic Christmas tale.

Transposed to a kitsch 1970s home, where the Christmas tree is plastic, a yule log burns on the TV, the maid has attitude and the party guests do the bump, this is pop culture fantasy come to life.

Episodes of Noël naughtiness share the spotlight with the tender unfurling of childhood fantasies and first love. Snowflakes, reminiscent of a child's dream of winter, of ice cream and snowballs dance in the sky.

Returning to E. T. A. Hoffmann's original story, and impeccably faithful to the complete Tchaikovsky score, The Hard Nut is at once a send up of conventional Nutcracker stagings but also an homage to its Russian roots.

Featuring 33 dancers, the 53-piece Royal Ballet Sinfonia, a choir and full staging this is a rare opportunity to see The Hard Nut. Due its large scale, the show has previously been seen in only four cities worldwide.

It's hip. It's hilarious. It's not your average Nutcracker!

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Friday 12 - Saturday 27 November Tue - Sun at 7.30pm, Sat & Sun matinees at 2.30pm

TICKETS Stalls: £28, £33 First Circle: £28, £36, £40 Second Circle: £10, £16, £24

Family Ticket: (4 tix incl 1 child) £80 available on £28 or less tickets.

A transaction charge of £2.20 will be added to telephone and postal bookings, reduced to £1.50 for online bookers.

HOW TO BOOK

Telephone: 0870 737 7737 - 24 hours a day Online: www.sadlerswells.com - 24 hours a day

In person: Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1R 4TN (10am - 8.30pm Mon - Sat)

Peacock theatre, Portugal Street, London WC2 (10am - 6.30pm Mon - Fri or 10am - 8.30pm performance days)

Post: Please make cheques payable to Sadler's Wells Trust Ltd and send to the Ticket office (address above).

DISCOUNTS

Adult groups of 8+: 20% off stalls seats.

School groups of 10+: Rear stalls seats £10, plus one teacher free per 10 pupils on Wed 17, Thu 18,

Wed 24 & Thu 25 (under 16s only).

£15 standby tickets: For students, unwaged people, under 16s and over 60s. In person from 1 hour before show (cash only).

ACCESS DISCOUNTS

Sadler's Wells aims to provide access for all. See www.sadlerswells.com/access Minicom booking line 020 7863 8015.

People with disabilities: (inc wheelchair users, ambulant disabled, people with visual and hearing impairments) £20 / £10.

To register ask at ticket office or visit www.sadlerswells.com/access

Students, unwaged, over 60s: A limited number of £8 seats in second circle for all performances. A max of 2 tix per person.

All discounts are subject to availability and proof of status. They are not available online, retrospectively or in conjunction with any other offer. Access Discount Tickets will be held at box office for collection.

PLANNING YOUR JOURNEY

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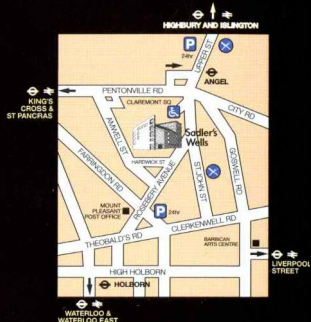
Bus 19, 38 & 341 stop outside Sadler's Wells. 4, 30, 43, 56, 73, 153, 205, 214, 274, 394 & 476 stop at or near Angel tube station.

Sadler's Wells Express to Waterloo, Farringdon Thameslink and Victoria in less than 30 mins.

Leaves 8 mins after each main auditorium evening performance - £1.50 (£1 travelcard holders).

Tube: Angel (Northern Line) is 5 minutes walk.


Sadler's Wells car park: Private wide bay car park for patrons with disabilities (free), or over 60s (£3.50). Book in advance at the ticket office.



Save 20% with the multi-buy scheme, when you buy tickets for two or more participating Sadler's Wells shows. See www.sadlerswells.com/save Terms and conditions apply

Free Post Performance Talk: Wed 17 Nov with Mark Morris (BSL interpreted by Victoria Fenner).

Free Pre-Performance Talk: Thu 18 Nov with Allen Robertson from Time Out. Please book at the box office.

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