

American Friends of Covent Garden

Welcome to the American Friends of Covent Garden (AFoCG). Whether this is your first or 50th Season, we are delighted you chose to join us.

As an American Friend of Covent Garden you are an important member of our community. Without you and your fellow Friends, we could not deliver the packed and varied programme of performances, events and experiences we present each Season. Your support is integral to the future of ballet, opera, dance and music and on behalf of all our artists, artisans and everyone else at the Royal Opera House we just want to take a moment to say thank you.

Your support plays a vital role in ensuring that the Royal Opera House can fulfil the ambitions we have for our work on our stages, in schools, colleges, in the community and beyond. Through its grants, the AFoCG awards the Royal Opera House support for productions of opera and ballet as well as educational and outreach programmes. If you are already a member, thank you. If you have just been introduced to us, please consider joining this extraordinary group of supporters.

Individuals, foundations, and corporations resident anywhere in the world join the AFoCG out of a commitment to the opera and ballet as global art forms. They share our love of opera and ballet and relish knowing about the wide variety of activities and events we present. Each Season the AFoCG support performances across the Main Stage and the Linbury Theatre so look out for the productions sponsored by the American Friends of Covent Garden. The Royal Opera House very much appreciates your support of all the work we do. These productions were only possible thanks to you. Thank you.

ALEX BEARD CBE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Priority booking

When to book

Our Season runs from September to August. Productions and events are divided into four booking periods: Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer.

You are invited to book performance tickets ahead of the public in each booking period. Specific booking dates depend on your membership level, with higher levels receiving earlier access.

Your booking dates and times are set out in each magazine, on our website and in your online account. You will get reminders by email before your priority booking dates.

How to book

You can buy tickets online from the first day of booking or by telephoning the Box Office.

Sign in to your account to enable your priority access. Contact us if you have not yet registered for your online account or if you have problems signing in.

Ticket limits

Members can generally book up to 9 tickets per performance during priority booking. Stricter limits may apply for productions that we expect to be particularly popular. We will inform you of limits before booking opens.

2022 / 2023 Season

Membership Level	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
Patron	27 April	12 July	3 October	10 January
Benefactor	14 June	6 September	22 November	21 February
Supporter	16 June	8 September	24 November	23 February
Friend	21 June	13 September	29 November	2 March
Additional ticket booking	14 July	11 October	4 January	28 March
Public booking	27 July	26 October	25 January	13 April

Ticket information

Exchanges and resales

Tickets may only be resold or exchanged for a gift certificate via the Royal Opera House Box Office. Returned tickets are resold subject to customer demand. Unsold tickets cannot be refunded.

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E-tickets

E-tickets offer greater flexibility and security and are a vital step towards us meeting our environmental obligations.

Children

Children must have their own ticket and be seated next to an accompanying adult. Babies and infants under five are not admitted into our auditoria but are welcome in all other areas of the Royal Opera House.

Production information

Key details of productions in each booking period, including dates, times and price ranges, are in the quarterly magazine.

Further details, such as running times, updated cast information, age guidance, content warnings and prices for specific seats, are available on the Royal Opera House website. Ballet casting information is shared in your e-newsletter and on the website as soon as it is confirmed.

Please always check the website for up-to-date information before you book or attend a performance.

Other ways to enjoy ballet and opera

Visit the ROH website to find out more details of live streams, cinema broadcasts and other shared digital experiences.
[roh.org.uk](#)

Choose your membership

Friend | \$777

Equivalent to UK Supporting Friend

- Request at least two tickets per production, a limited number of rehearsal tickets and Insight Program events

Supporter | \$1,695

Equivalent to UK Premium 1 Friend

- Advance booking ahead of the UK Supporting Friends
- Invitation to and priority booking for gala events
- Invitation to a cocktail reception on the first night of production supported by the AFoCG

Benefactor | \$3,608

Equivalent to UK Premium 2 Friend

- Advance booking ahead of the UK Premium Friends
- Private backstage tour for you and your guests on request
- Priority in requesting tickets to selected Royal Opera House events including ballet master classes as part of our Insight Program
- Invitations to special events in New York City and London

Patron | \$7,560

Equivalent to UK Individual Patron

- Highest priority advance booking for ordering four tickets per performance and two tickets per dress rehearsal
- Personal ticket service by telephone or email through the Patrons Box Office at the Royal Opera House
- Opportunity to purchase tickets in the Royal Box and dinner in the adjacent Royal Retiring Room
- Invitations to special events with artists and management

Magazine

Your quarterly magazine is sent to you in advance of each booking period and contains details about all productions and events, as well as insights into what the Royal Opera House can achieve thanks to your support.

Season guide

Discover the next Season of opera and ballet at the Royal Opera House in our annual Season Guide, and you are invited to view online the annual Season Preview presentation by senior artistic staff.

E-newsletter

Stay informed about our work both on and off stage and hear about exclusive offers and discounts.

Special thanks

Listing of your name on the Royal Opera House and American Friends of Covent Garden websites.

Shop discount

Your membership entitles you to a 10% discount in the Royal Opera House Shop. Show your card at the point of purchase to receive your discount. You can also make use of this discount in our online shop using the code 'Friends10'.

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Rehearsals

Book tickets for General Rehearsals (dress rehearsals). General Rehearsals are closed to the public and are a wonderful opportunity to be part of the development process of production, experiencing a performance before the production officially opens.

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Yasmine Naghdi as Mary Vetsera and Vadim Muntagirov as Crown Prince Rudolf in Mayerling, The Royal Ballet ©2022 Foteini Christofilopoulou

Thank you

You are supporting the future of ballet, opera, music and dance. Thank you.

Philanthropy provides a vital source of income to help us fulfil our creative ambitions and ensure we can share the art forms we cherish with you and with future generations. We are incredibly grateful and we hope that you will join us in celebrating all that we can achieve together.

Get even closer

There are many other philanthropic opportunities at the Royal Opera House that we hope may interest you. Each offers a unique way to deepen your involvement. roh.org.uk/support

Gift membership

Share the joy of being a Friend by giving a Gift Membership. Young Friend membership makes a particularly lovely present for those aged 16 to 30.

Support an appeal

You might like to donate to an appeal, such as the Pointe Shoe Appeal. Did you know we spend a quarter of a million pounds every year to keep The Royal Ballet on its toes?

Support a production

To get closer to a particular production and see behind the scenes including our full rehearsal process, you can support a specific production as part of a syndicate or become part of a supporters' Circle.

Go on tour

Join The Royal Ballet or The Royal Opera on tour and feel even more a part of the Royal Opera House family.

Name a seat

Dedicate a seat to a loved one or name your favourite seat in the Main Stage or Linbury Theatre to remember the performances you have enjoyed there.

Leave a legacy

Pass on your love of ballet, opera, dance and music to future generations by leaving a gift in your will. Those who choose to support us in this way are invited to become part of our Baton Associates programme.

Get in touch

We hope you enjoy being a member, whether through watching performances in our theatres, through our digital streams, or in the cinema, reading the Magazine, attending rehearsals or visiting our beautiful home in Covent Garden.

Our building is open every day and you don't need to attend a performance to visit. Join us for coffee, drinks or lunch, or just drop in to see our latest exhibitions and displays. Visit us to experience free lunchtime performances, join us for a recital in the Crush Room or come along to any of our events and activities that are created to inspire and further connect you to ballet and opera.

We hope that as an American Friend of Covent Garden you feel part of the Royal Opera House family wherever you are.

Contact the American Friends Team with any questions or feedback, we love to hear from you.

We look forward to seeing you at a rehearsal, event or performance soon.

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Online account
Update key information such as your contact details and preferences, as well as find out details about your chosen level of membership. You can explore your upcoming bookings, make restaurant reservations, pre-order interval drinks and snacks, or purchase Champagne, ice cream or programme vouchers. Your account also lists your past performances.
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