

# OPUS ARTE

This collection celebrates the masterful artistry of The Royal Ballet's Founder Choreographer, Frederick Ashton, with three defining works. A pioneer of 20th-century dance, Ashton brought elegance, innovation and emotional depth to the stage, shaping the identity of British ballet for generations.

*Scènes de ballet* distils classical technique into a striking study of form and symmetry. Ashton gracefully reimagines Turgenev's play *A Month in the Country* as a one-act ballet where all the drama unfolds in the family's living room upon the arrival of a dashing young tutor. *Rhapsody*, created for Mikhail Baryshnikov and Lesley Collier, blends virtuosic movement with lyrical beauty, set to Rachmaninoff's sweeping score. Together, these works offer a vivid portrait of Ashton's genius.



THE ROYAL BALLET  
DIRECTOR KEVIN O'HARE CBE  
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ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE  
DIRECTED FOR THE SCREEN BY  
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## Frederick Ashton

### Scènes de ballet

MUSIC IGOR STRAVINSKY  
PERFORMED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH  
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DESIGNER ANDRÉ BEAUREPAIRE  
LIGHTING DESIGNER JOHN B. READ  
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### A Month in the Country

MUSIC FRYDERYK CHOPIN  
ARRANGED BY JOHN LANCHBERY  
DESIGNER JULIA TREVELYAN OMAN  
ORIGINAL LIGHTING DESIGNER  
WILLIAM BUNDY  
LIGHTING DESIGN RE-CREATED BY  
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VERA ANNA ROSE O'SULLIVAN  
RAKITIN GARY AVIS  
KATIA LETICIA DIAS  
BELIAEV MATTHEW BALL

### Rhapsody

MUSIC SERGEY RACHMANINOFF  
SET DESIGNER FREDERICK ASHTON  
COSTUME DESIGNS  
WILLIAM CHAPPELL  
COSTUME DESIGNS RE-CREATED BY  
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#### EXTRA FEATURES

Mariela Nuñez and Kate Shipway on  
*A Month in the Country*  
Cast gallery

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