

Press Release

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Sleeping Beauty Afternoon Tea with English National Ballet School



(London) From Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2017, Dorchester Collection's iconic British hotel, The Dorchester, will be putting on its unmissable October Half Term children's afternoon tea with special entertainment by English National Ballet School's young dancers. This year tea has been created around Sleeping Beauty, with narration, face painting, mini-tutus and crowns, and an introduction to good toes and naughty toes by the ballerina princess Aurora herself.

Key characters from Sleeping Beauty - the King, Queen, Three Good Fairies, the bad fairy Maleficent, Prince and Princess Aurora - will be found pirouetting, plié-ing and jeté-ing amongst The Promenade tables, stopping to share magical tales with younger guests.

Sleeping Beauty Afternoon Tea includes a selection of cakes inspired by the magical story, and delicious savoury finger sandwiches and homemade scones. Accompanying adults can sink back and relax into The Promenade's inviting sofas and enjoy the entertainment with a glass of champagne.

Little guests have the chance to practice their plié at home as this year The Dorchester has collaborated with the world-renowned British ballet flats designer, French Sole, to run a competition during the week of the Sleeping Beauty Afternoon Tea. Each day a raffle will be drawn and the winning child will receive a personal shopping experience in one of the London French Sole stores, with the opportunity to pick a pair of shoes for themselves.

Sittings for Sleeping Beauty Afternoon Tea at The Promenade at The Dorchester are available between 12.00pm and 5.00pm Monday to Friday, featuring several 20 minute performances by English National Ballet School. [Bookable online](#), Sleeping Beauty Afternoon Tea is priced at £68 per adult including a glass of Champagne and £39 for children aged 5 -12. (Prices are inclusive of VAT and exclusive of service charge at 12.5%).

For reservations or further information, please telephone The Dorchester on +44 (0)20 7629 8888 or email restaurants.TDL@dorchestercollection.com. Winners of the French Sole raffle will be able to pick a pair of shoes for themselves, to the maximum value of £160, excluding the Mrs Alice for French Sole collection.

The Dorchester's [School Holidays](#) accommodation package featuring a complimentary bedroom for children provides the perfect opportunity to enjoy the hotel overnight and make the most of all London has to offer during October Half Term. 'School Holidays' is available from 16-26 October, and includes English breakfast for four, cookies, a free movie for children, and a complimentary bottle of champagne for parents, priced from £740 for both rooms.

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Note to the Editors:

Sleeping Beauty Afternoon Tea at The Promenade at The Dorchester

Seating times are as follows: 12:00, 12:30, 14:15, 14:45, 16:30 and 17:00

Dance times are at: 13:15, 15:30, and 17:15

English National Ballet: English National Ballet has a long and distinguished history. Founded in 1950 as London Festival Ballet by the great English Dancers Alicia Markova and Anton Dolin, it has played a major role in the growth and history of ballet in the UK. Today, English National Ballet is renowned for taking world-class ballet to the widest possible audience through its national and international tour programme, offsite performances at festivals including Glastonbury and Latitude, its distinguished orchestra English National Ballet Philharmonic, and being a UK leader in creative learning and engagement practice and delivery, building innovative partnerships to deliver flagship programmes such as English National Ballet's Dance for Parkinson's. Under the artistic directorship of Tamara Rojo, English National Ballet has gained new acclaim as it introduces innovative new works to the Company's repertoire while continuing to honour and reinvigorate traditional ballet.

English National Ballet School: English National Ballet School is a world-renowned specialist training centre for aspiring and highly talented young ballet dancers aged 16 to 19. Founded in 1988 by English National Ballet, today the school exists as a separate entity but maintains strong links with its parent company, sharing its commitment to excellence and access. Its mission is to nurture and develop the next generation of world-class dance artists; artists who are confident and versatile, able to push boundaries and bring their creativity to the fore. Students participate in a three-year programme, validated by Trinity College London, with graduates joining prestigious dance companies worldwide. Currently a third of the dancers at English National Ballet are graduates of the School. The School also offer weekly children's ballet classes, ENBS Juniors, for 3 – 10 year olds.

The Dorchester

An iconic British hotel, The Dorchester has been at the heart of London's Mayfair overlooking Hyde Park since 1931. A room and suite refurbishment programme began in 2012 with a fresh look by interior designer Alexandra Champalimaud that stays true to the hotels classic English residential style, fusing contemporary comfort with the timeless glamour and heritage of the property. Exceptional dining is available to guests in The Promenade, China Tang and three Michelin star Alain Ducasse at The Dorchester, and The Grill at The Dorchester which reopened in 2014 after a full redesign. The Dorchester Spa offers indulgent pampering in a glamorous art deco setting. The Dorchester's ten event rooms offer a wide selection for flexible and creative event planning from intimate dinners to cocktail receptions of up to 1,000 guests.

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