



# ROYAL BALLET

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## **Principal dancer Ivan Putrov to leave The Royal Ballet**

Principal Dancer, Ivan Putrov, has announced his decision to leave The Royal Ballet after twelve years. During that time he has danced all the major classical repertoire, as well as works by many contemporary choreographers. Having danced on stage at Covent Garden for so many years, Ivan would like to have the time and freedom to develop new ideas for creative projects and realise these in a fresh environment.

Ivan Putrov said “While I am sad to leave behind the many good friends and colleagues I have here at The Royal Ballet, I am delighted to have the opportunity to develop new projects of my own and look forward to the broader creative and artistic challenges that these will bring. I feel this is the right time to make this decision while I am a Principal dancer and can bring all my energy and experience to these new ventures.”

Dame Monica Mason, Director of The Royal Ballet, said “I would like to thank Ivan for all the years he has given to The Royal Ballet, and for his contribution in the many roles he has performed as a Principal dancer. We wish him every future success.”

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