



Birmingham Royal Ballet Principals: Robert Parker (图)

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Born in Hull, Robert Parker trained at the Royal Ballet School and joined Birmingham Royal Ballet in 1994. He received early acclaim w hen he danced the Second Seminarian in Carmina burana at the Royal Opera House in 1996. His charismatic stage presence and energy have I ed to the creation of a number of roles on him, including Hamlet in The Shakespeare Suite, Arthur and Mordred in Arthur, the Beast in , Beau ty and the Beastthe lead in Kim Brandstrup's Pulcinella and the title role in Cyrano. Robert has also excelled in such varied repertory as the Yo ung Man in The Two Pigeons, Romeo in Romeo and Juliet, the Hoofer in Slaughter on Tenth Avenue, and Twyla Tharp's In the Upper Roo m. He was promoted to Principal in 1999. He rejoined the Company in 2008, after a 12-month absence to explore the possibility of a new car eer in aviation.

REPERTORY INCLUDES

Frederick Ashton: La Fille mal gardée (Colas), The Two Pigeons (Young Man), Scènes de ballet and Voices of Spring

George Balanchine: Apollo (title role), Four Temperaments (Melancholic Variation), Prodigal Son (title role), Slaughter on Tenth Avenu e (Hoofer), Western Symphony (Fourth Movement) and Duo Concertant

David Bintley: Edward II (Edward, Gaveston), Far from the Madding Crowd (Oak), Hobson's Choice (Will Mossop, Fred Beenstoc k), Carmina burana (Second Seminarian), Choros (Pyrrhic), The Seasons ('Spring', 'Autumn'), Tombeaux (lead role), Dance House, and David Bintley and Galina Samsova's production of Giselle (Albrecht)

Kenneth MacMillan: Romeo and Juliet (Romeo), Elite Syncopations ('Friday Night') and Song of the Earth (Messenger of Death)

Hans van Manen: Five Tangos

Jerome Robbins: Fancy Free (Sailor)

Twyla Tharp: In the Upper Room

Peter Wright's productions of Coppélia (Franz), The Nutcracker (Prince), The Sleeping Beauty (Prince Florimund, Bluebird), and Pete r Wright and Galina Samsova's production of Swan Lake (Siegfried)

Spring Waters pas de deux

CREATED ROLES

David Bintley: Arthur (title role, Mordred) Beauty and the Beast (Beast), The Nutcracker Sweeties (Sailor), The Orpheus Suite (Orpheu

s), The Shakespeare Suite (Hamlet) and Proctecting Veil

Stanton Welch: Powder

Lil York: Sanctum

AWARDS

 $Olivier\ Award\ nomination,\ 2001;\ Critics'\ Circle\ Award\ nomination,\ 2001;\ Critics'\ Circle\ Award\ for\ Outstanding\ Male\ Artist,\ 2003.$

GUEST APPEARANCES The Royal Ballet.

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