



Katja Khaniukova in ENB Emerging Dancer 2015. Photo: Emma Kauldhar

**E**nglish National Ballet has invited guest artists **Osiel Gouneo**, principal with Norwegian Ballet, and **Brooklyn Mack**, principal with Washington Ballet, to perform with English National Ballet for the first time. They will both appear in *Le Corsaire* in Liverpool this month. There will also be debuts by company dancers, including **Katja Khaniukova** in the role of Gulnare, and **César Corrales** in the role of Birbanto. *Le Corsaire* runs from 18 - 21 November. For up to date casting, please check [www.ballet.org.uk](http://www.ballet.org.uk)

West Australian Ballet has announced that its first programme in 2016 will include two ballets by **David Dawson**: *On the Nature of Daylight*, a pas de deux to the music of **Max Richter**; and *5*, a work for five dancers based on the *Wedding Pas de Cinq* from his acclaimed version of *Giselle*. Entitled *Five by Night*, the programme which runs from 5 - 27 February at the Quarry Ampitheatre, will also include a new work by **Craig Davidson**, *In Black* by **Andre Santos** and *To the Pointe* choreographed by **Meg Parry**, **Victoria Maughan**, **Melissa Boniface**, **Andre Santos**, **Jayne Smeulders** and **Pepito**. [waballet.com.au](http://waballet.com.au)

The American Dance Magazine has named five people as recipients of its annual awards: flamenco artist **Soledad Barrio**; American Ballet Theatre principal

and emerging choreographer **Marcelo Gomes**; former ballerina and current artistic director of National Ballet of Canada **Karen Kain**; dance archivist, writer and historian **David Vaughan**; and founding artistic director of Urban Bush Women **Jawole Willa Jo Zollar**. The awards will be presented by **Mikhail Baryshnikov**, **Millicent Johnnie**, **Julie Kent**, **Martin Santangelo** and **Valda Setterfield** at the Ailey Citigroup Theater in Manhattan on 7 December. Renowned dancer, artistic director, choreographer and teacher **John Meehan** will chair the jury for the 11th USA International Ballet Competition set for June 2018 in Jackson, Mississippi. "I am thrilled and honoured to be invited to chair the jury," said Meehan, who served on the 2010 and 2014 Jackson jury panels. "I know the responsibility we jurors carry in maintaining the standards of this tremendously prestigious competition."

**Kristine Butler** has recently joined San Francisco Ballet as a corps de ballet member. **Amanda Skoog** has been appointed as the executive director of **Shobana Jeyasingh Dance**. She joins the company from Royal New Zealand Ballet, where she has been the company's managing director since 2006. **Wim Broeckx** has been guesting with the West Australian Ballet, teaching company class and also a Masterclass programme while in residence.

Singapore Dance Theatre's artistic director **Janek Schergen** is the recipient of the this year's Tatler Award for Culture. **Edward Watson** received his MBE for services to dance from The Princess Royal on 6 October and then had to hurry back to the Royal Opera House to perform in both *Raven Girl* and *Connectome*.

Dutch National Ballet dancer **Michaela DePrince** gave a performance at the Women in the World Summit at Cadogan Hall in New York in October. A war orphan from Sierra Leone, DePrince was adopted by an American couple. In the USA, she studied at The Rock School for Dance Education in Philadelphia, and participated in the Youth America Grand Prix, where she won a scholarship to study at ABT's Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School in New York. She danced with

Dance Theatre of Harlem before joining the Dutch National Ballet's Junior Company in 2013. She was invited to join the main company by artistic director **Ted Brandsen** the following year. Her book, *Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina*, is to be made into a film by MGM.

## LOSSES

With sadness Ballet Cymru has announced the sudden death of its dancer and education officer, **Mandev Sokhi**, on 10 October, and The Royal Ballet has reported the death of former principal **David Drew**, who passed away on 16 October.

## BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

1st Paola Cantalupo 57; 2nd Graeme Murphy 65; 3rd Marijn Rademaker 34; Silvia Azzoni 42; 5th Anna Tsygankova 36; 6th Laura Morera 38; 7th David Dorfman 53; 8th Ángel Corella 40; 11th Martin Harvey 38; 14th Cathy Marston 40; 15th Molissa Fenley 61; 17th César Morales 37; 18th Matthew Hawkins 57; 19th Erik Cavallari 38; 21st Celeste Dandeker-Arnold 64; Natalia Makarova 75; 22nd Ilze Liepa 52; 23rd Daniel Larrieu 58; 25th Sir Peter Wright 89; Trisha Brown 79; 26th David McAllister 52; 29th Sophie Monat 60; 30th Marguerite Porter 67.