

# Contents

Consultant and contributors	8
Foreword	10

## BEGINNINGS OF BALLET (1550–1830) 12

Introduction	14
Ballet Comique de la Reine	16
Beginnings of ballet	18
Ballet de la nuit	20
Paris Opéra Ballet	22
Jean-Baptiste Lully	24
Le Bourgeois gentilhomme	26
L'Europe galante	27
Pierre Beauchamp	28
Ballet d'action	30
Gaétan Vestris	32
Bolshoi Ballet	34
Les Indes galantes	36
Médée et Jason	37
La Scala Theatre Ballet	38



## ROMANTIC BALLET (1830–1860)

40

Introduction	42
La Sylphide	44
Marie Taglioni	46
Giselle	48
Adolphe Adam	54
Enter the ballerina	56
Carlotta Grisi	58
Napoli	60
Paquita	62
Pas de quatre	64
Le Conservatoire	65
Jules Perrot	66
Lighting the scene	68
Le Corsaire	70

## CLASSICAL BALLET (1860–1905)

76

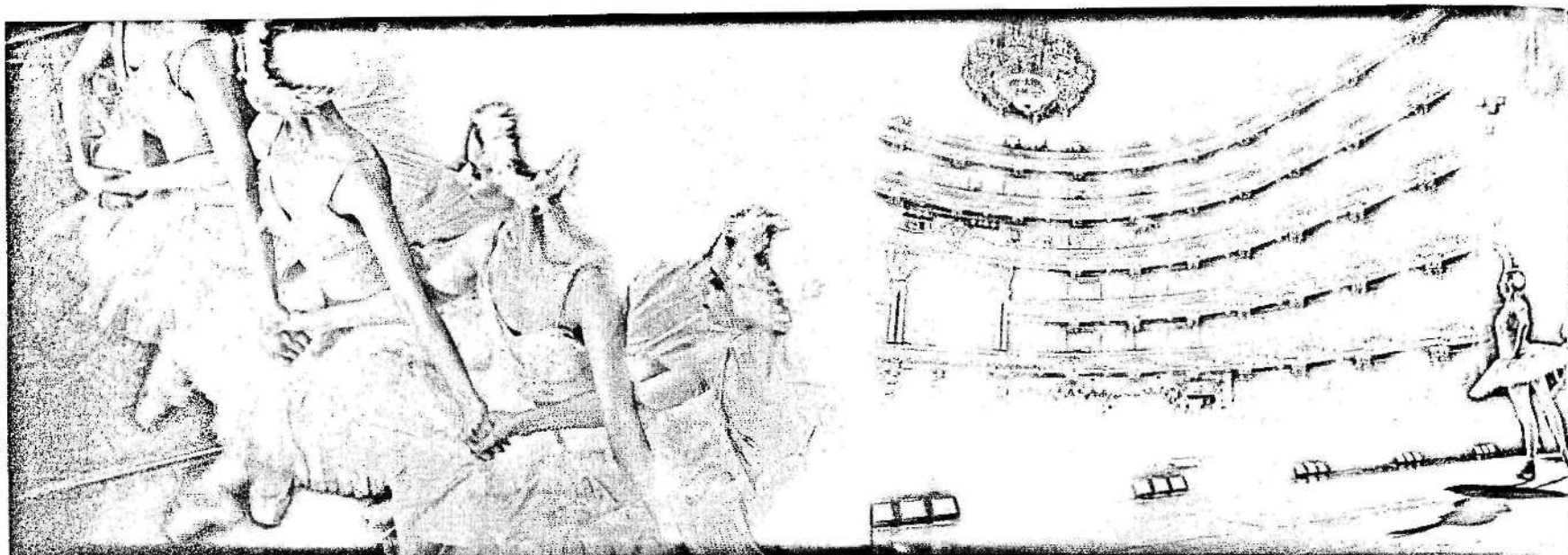
Introduction	78
Don Quixote	80
Coppélia	86
Mariinsky Ballet	88

Sylvia	90
Marius Petipa	96
Palais Garnier	98
La Bayadère	100
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky	106
Swan Lake	108
Pierina Legnani	114
Character dances	116
The Sleeping Beauty	118
Anna Pavlova	124
Royal Opera House	126
The Nutcracker	128
Raymonda	134
Pas de deux	136
The Dying Swan	138

## MODERN BALLET (1905–1945)

140

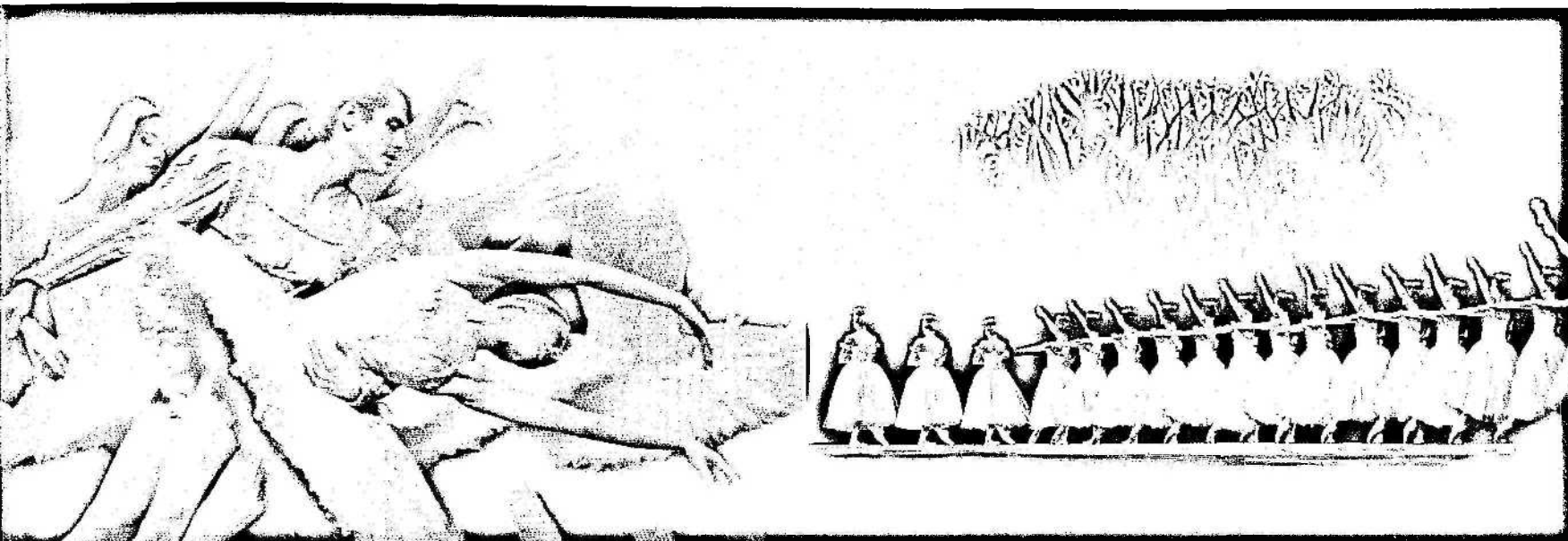
Introduction	142
Sergei Diaghilev	144
Les Sylphides	146
The exotic Orient	148
Isadora Duncan	150
The Firebird	152
Igor Stravinsky	154



Le Spectre de la rose	156
Petrushka	158
L'Après-midi d'un faune	159
Vaslav Nijinsky	160
Return of the danseur	162
The Rite of Spring	164
Marie Rambert	170
Parade	172
Costume design	174
Les Noces	176
Les Biches	177
Martha Graham	178
Apollo	180
The Royal Ballet	182
Ninette de Valois	184
The Prodigal Son	186
The Bolt	187
Soviet ballet	188
Serenade	190
Jardin aux lilas (Lilac Garden)	191
Checkmate	192
Romeo and Juliet	194
Danses Concertantes	196

## INTERNATIONAL BALLET 198 (1945-1975)

Introduction	200
Cinderella	202
Galina Ulanova	208
Symphonic Variations	210
The Four Temperaments	212
Symphony in C	214
Frederick Ashton	216
Scènes de ballet	218
Alicia Markova	220
American ballet	222
George Balanchine	224
Agon	226
Boléro	227
Maurice Béjart	228
Liebeslieder Walzer	230
Revelations	231
Jerome Robbins	232
La Fille mal gardée	234
Nadia Nerina	240
Chinese ballet	242
Marguerite and Armand	244
Margot Fonteyn	246
The Dream	248
Rudolf Nureyev	250
A Midsummer Night's Dream	252



Song of the Earth	253
Lynn Seymour	254
Monotones	256
Peter Wright	258
Onegin	260
John Cranko	262
Metropolitan Opera House	264
Jewels	266
Anastasia	268
Spartacus	270
Kenneth MacMillan	272
Sydney Opera House	274
Manon	276
Ivan the Terrible	278

## BALLET TODAY (1975–present)

Introduction	282
A Month in the Country	284
Push Comes to Shove	286
Forgotten Land	287
William Forsythe	288
Mayerling	290
Mikhail Baryshnikov	292
Ballet method	294

280

Sylvie Guillem	296
Steptext	298
In the Middle, Somewhat Elevated	299
Darcey Bussell	300
Falling Angels	302
Bella Figura	303
Jiří Kylián	304
Petite Mort	306
Viviana Durante	308
The Judas Tree	310
David Bintley	312
Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake	314
John Neumeier	316
Shanghai Grand Theatre	318
Wayne McGregor	320
Tryst	322
Chroma	323
Carlos Acosta	324
China's Arts Centre	326
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	328
Tamara Rojo	330
The Winter's Tale	332
Christopher Wheeldon	334
Updating the classics	336

<b>Other key figures</b>	338
<b>Other key ballets</b>	346
<b>Glossary</b>	348
<b>Index and acknowledgments</b>	350