

Royal New Zealand Ballet - HANSEL & GRETEL - itinerary

“Hansel and Gretel has everything a brilliant ballet needs - beautiful choreography and dancing, wonderful music, fantastic costumes and set design, and a great story. It is the perfect ballet for audience of all ages.”

Faint starlight peeps through the dark forest canopy. It is midnight: the witching hour.

Alone and lost, two hungry children stumble towards a glowing vision of warmth and comfort, heaven for any child with an empty belly and an aching heart. But all is not as it seems...

Following its triumphant premiere in 2019, the **Royal New Zealand Ballet's** acclaimed Hansel & Gretel returns for Christmas 2023. Loughlan Prior, with Claire Cowan and Kate Hawley, has created a magical world of memorable characters: a brave brother and sister; their loving parents who never give up hope; the mystical Sandman and his sparkling Dew Fairies; and the most delightful (or is she?) Ice Cream Witch... not forgetting the Man in the Moon, an array of spooky forest creatures, fantastical food and a sinister chorus line of pink-iced gingerbread men.

Laughter, tears, shivers down the spine, plenty of sugar and just a touch of spice together make a recipe for a truly happy ending and a wonderful ballet experience for all ages.