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Britain's Got Talent stars Flawless and star choreographer Shobana Jeyasingh announced as Dance Proms 2016 Patrons



Flawless, the global award-winning dance act that shot to fame in Britain's Got Talent, and critically acclaimed choreographer **Shobana Jeyasingh** have joined the illustrious list of Patrons supporting Dance Proms for the **2016 event at the Royal Albert Hall on 30th October**. The two are major influences in dance today, both in the UK and globally, and are inspirational role-models for the specially selected young dancers who will be performing at the event. Dance Proms is a unique collaboration between The Royal Albert Hall and three of the country's leading dance bodies, the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD), the International Dance Teachers' Association (IDTA) and the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing (ISTD).

Shobana, who has created over 60 original theatre, site, and lens-based works, has had her original pieces performed in the UK, Europe, North America, India, China, Singapore and Hong Kong, will join long-standing Dance Proms patrons such as Darcey Bussell CBE and Arlene Philips CBE in supporting the event. Also to join the Patrons supporting this celebration of youth dance is Flawless, who revolutionised street dance and brought it into the international spotlight, encouraging many young dancers to take their dancing to the next level – the very people being celebrated in this magnificent event.

Flawless said: *'Dance Proms is an amazing event and we can't wait to see what some of the best young dancers from around the world have got to offer when they perform on the night! We live by the motto "Chase the Dream not the Competition" and we want to encourage any young dancers out there to do just that – apply for Dance Proms and really go after your dream! Dance Proms provides an opportunity to dance on one of the most iconic stages in the world, to show off your moves and to see what other young dancers are working on.'*

Famed for their precision and sophistication, the dance troupe have appeared in smash hit movies Street Dance 3D 1 & 2, headlined for the Royal Family performing at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and collaborated with the English National Ballet on tour.

Shobana Jeyasingh is acclaimed for her innovation in choreography and her works have been performed in numerous prominent venues around the world, including Sadler's Wells. Her specially choreographed piece for London's Somerset House, *Counterpoint* (2010), was designed specifically for the courtyard featuring 22 dancers and 55 fountains. Since founding Shobana Jeyasingh Dance in 1988, Shobana has worked with numerous dancers, both contemporary and classically trained, to create powerful and captivating performances.

The biggest national youth dance event of its kind, Dance Proms, offers a platform for aspiring young dancers to perform on an international level at the prestigious Royal Albert Hall along with star guest performers. This annual celebration of talent, choreography, passion and determination is made up of over 500 young dancers selected by a panel of experts, including artistic directors and senior examiners from the world of dance, from short videos of original work submitted by dance teachers.

Dance Proms Patrons 2016:

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