

**OVATION HIGHLIGHTS
JANUARY 2012**



Sunday 1st January at 5pm

Talking Books Classics: Naomi Wolf

Naomi Wolf's landmark international bestseller, *The Beauty Myth*, challenged the cosmetics industry and the marketing of unrealistic standards of beauty, launching a new wave of feminism in the early 1990s.

Sunday 1st January at 8.30pm

Great Pas De Deux

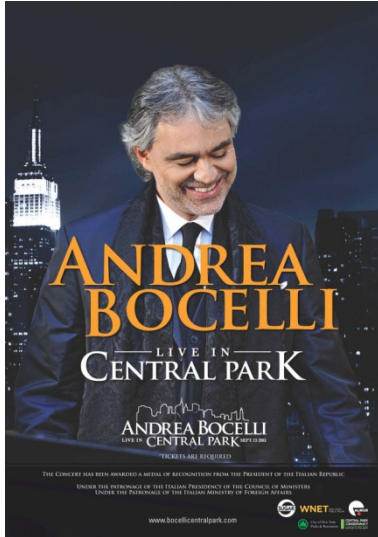
Great Pas De Deux is a 1998 compilation featuring ballet highlights from 14 productions. Principal artists from the world's leading ballet companies express all the drama and passion, the poignancy and sheer exuberance of some of the most lyrical moments to be found in classical dance. The programme features The Royal Ballet, The Kirov Ballet, The Bolshoi Ballet, Paris Opera Ballet plus many more.



Monday 2nd January at 9.30pm

Bjork: The South Bank Show

Visionary pop musician Björk chats with South Bank Show host Melvyn Bragg about her career and her music. Björk is one of the most original voices in pop music as well as being Iceland's most famous export. Her experimental approach to music has resulted in new fusions and unusual combinations across musical styles.



Tuesday 3rd January at 8.30pm

Andrea Bocelli: Live in Central Park

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The world's most beloved tenor Andrea Bocelli performed a free concert on Central Park's Great Lawn in New York with the New York Philharmonic, conducted by its Music Director Alan Gilbert. Joining Andrea on stage is Céline Dion, Tony Bennett, Chris Botti and David Foster. Sopranos Ana María Martínez and Pretty Yende, violinist Nicola Benedetti, bass baritone Bryn Terfel and flutist Andrea Griminelli were also part of this spectacular evening, along with the Westminster Symphonic Choir, Joe Miller, director.

Friday 6th January at 8.30pm

Sherlock Holmes: Incident at Victoria Falls

Fridays at 8.30pm

Christopher Lee and Patrick McNeen star as the world's favourite detectives in this 4 part Sherlock Holmes mystery. Investigation turns into unforgettable adventure when Holmes is called upon to transport the world's most valuable diamond from Africa to London. Starring Jenny Seagrove, as the beautiful Lillie Langtry, soon the heat of the African jungle breeds romance, deception, and murder.





Wednesday 11th of January at 7.30pm
3 Stars in Vienna

Bathed in the warm light of the setting sun, Vienna's imperial Schönbrunn Palace provides a romantic setting for this enchanting open-air concert. And shining even more brightly than the palace are the stars of the evening, Anna Netrebko, Rolando Villazón and Plácido Domingo. Netrebko "beguiles the audience" (Neue Kronen-Zeitung) with a heady rendition of a number from the operetta "Csárdásfürstin"

and lets herself be swept off her feet in a waltz with her duet partner Plácido Domingo. The great tenor himself regales the audience with his "golden tones" (Die Presse) and "vocal youthfulness" (Süddeutsche Zeitung) in excerpts from Massenet and Wagner. Villazón "dazzles with bravura arias," (Wiener Zeitung), duets and a fiery zarzuela encore. And in an emotional homage to Vienna, the trio performs the immortal "Wien, du Stadt meiner Träume." Other gems include Rimsky-Korsakov's "The Rose and the Nightingale," Lehár's "Meine Lippen sie küssen so heiss" and "Dein ist mein ganzes Herz," Ponchielli's "Dance of the Hours" and John Denver's "Perhaps Love." The singers are accompanied by the "fabulous Radio-Symphonieorchester Wien with its excellent conductor Bertrand de Billy." (Kurier)..



Thursday 19th January at 6.30pm

Daniel O' Donnell: The Rock n' Roll Show

Daniel O'Donnell is one of Ireland's most popular easy listening artists. The Rock n' Roll Show is a live concert that was filmed whilst on his October 2005 tour in the UK. Promising to be a real spectacular, the concert highlights songs from his two best selling albums– 'The Jukebox Years' and 'Teenage Dreams'. With a completely new stage set, a larger band of musicians, and a special dance troupe – this tour was bigger and better than ever before.