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## A Pirouette, a Plié and a Big Audition for Angelina

Back by popular demand, Angelina Ballerina is returning to the Canberra Theatre from 1-4 February, with her second live ballet. Performed by the Royal New Zealand Ballet, *Angelina Ballerina's Big Audition* is the perfect introduction for children aged three to eight years to the magical world of dance.

*Angelina Ballerina's Big Audition* takes audiences on the next step of Angelina's journey to become a Prima Ballerina as she prepares to audition for the prestigious Camembert Academy of Performing Arts.

Back by popular demand after a hit season in December 2009, this production follows the hugely successful *Angelina's Star Performance*.

Angelina Ballerina has been a much-loved children's character since she first pliéed her dainty mouse feet in 1982. Inspired by original illustrations and stories by Helen Craig and Katherine Holabird, *Angelina Ballerina's Big Audition* features Royal New Zealand Ballet dancers performing to a recorded arrangement of Tchaikovsky's music.

The performance is choreographed by the English National Ballet's Antony Dowson with costumes, based on the original Angelina Ballerina drawings, by Wizzy Shawyer and set designs from Al Riches.

*"We attended Angelina's performances several times, and thought it was absolutely beautiful and wonderfully funny. This sparkling and original ballet is a magical theatrical experience for young and old alike,"* said Angelina Ballerina creators Helen Craig and Katharine Holabird.

Music: Tchaikovsky

Choreography: Antony Dowson (English National Ballet)

Set design: Al Riches (English National Ballet)

Costume design: Wizzy Shawyer (English National Ballet)

**Canberra Theatre Centre presents Royal New Zealand Ballet in *Angelina Ballerina's Big Audition* from 1-4 February 2012.**

**Performance times:** Wednesday 1 February at 10.30am. Thursday 2 February and Friday 3 February at 10.30am and 1.30pm. Saturday 4 February at 10.30am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm.

**Prices:** Standard \$40 and Family \$140 (two adults + two children or one adult + three children).

**Tickets:** Contact Canberra Ticketing on (02) 6275 2700 or visit [canberratheatrecentre.com.au](http://canberratheatrecentre.com.au)

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