



ROYAL NEW ZEALAND BALLET

## DON QUIXOTE SYNOPSIS

In a riot of bright colours, music and fun, *Don Quixote* is brought to life in a brand new production, which tells the story of the ageing Don's final quest for adventure.

Accompanied by his young nephew, Sancho, and a bag full of ready cash, the Don sets off to town and beyond. There they meet the devious and seedy Gamache with his consort of rough and ready street dancers, plus the beautiful and feisty Kitri and her young lover Basilio, a local delivery boy.

But there's trouble afoot! The confused Don, believing that Kitri is his lost love, follows her and Basilio on their secret tryst to the gypsy camp. With his eye on the money, the sneaky Gamache follows closely. Seeing his opportunity, he rouses the gypsies to taunt the Don, before robbing him of his bag of cash. Left almost unconscious and alone, the Don has terrifying visions of storms and windmills, followed by a visit from Cupid, who reveals a whole array of ravishing beauties to behold. But alas, it is only a dream and when his nephew Sancho returns with Basilio to rescue the bedraggled Don, they return to town penniless.

Meanwhile, Gamache with his newfound illegal wealth is celebrating in town with his girls. The Don returns and realises that it was Gamache who stole his bag of money. Accusations and a fight ensue, resulting in Gamache being arrested and sent to prison. A happy ending? Not yet...

Kitri's father, a pretentious café owner, is adamant that his daughter will not marry a poor delivery boy. And that is that. However, in a gesture of thanks for Basilio's help, the Don gives the bag of cash to Kitri's father, thus freeing the way for her to marry her love.

The town celebrates the wedding of Kitri and Basilio, the Don returns to his dreams and Kitri's father does up the cafe.

