

Cross-Disciplinary Interplay between the Humanities, Technology and Musical Practice

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Guest lecture in the seminar series

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Romantic Ballet: Features, Conventions and Narratives

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Abstract: Romantic ballet, its features and conventions represent the transition between 18th century tradition and dance the century. Here, the most significant works of ballet tradition have been created, whilst technical new aspects such as point work were incorporated into the storylines that have since become classics. This lecture traces the historical development of the aesthetics of this particular style in relation to the narrative and its re-interpretation in the 20th century. It will outline the changes of performance tradition that

have established Romantic ballet and present the various elements of these performances. Moreover, the narrative side of these features will be addressed and reference to 20th century postmodern revisions of these performances is made.

ALL ARE WELCOME!