



# The Sleeping Beauty

Tuesday 20 February 2018

*Music* Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky; *Choreography* Marius Petipa, Peter Wright;  
*Production* Peter Wright; *Designs* Philip Prowse; *Lighting* Mark Jonathan re-created by Peter Teigen

<i>King Florestan XXIV</i>	Jonathan Payn
<i>His Queen</i>	Yijing Zhang
<i>Princess Aurora</i>	Yaoqian Shang
<i>Prince Florimund</i>	Chi Cao
<i>Catalabutte, Master of Ceremonies</i>	Rory Mackay
<i>The Fairy Carabosse</i>	Jade Heusen
<i>The Lilac Fairy</i>	Jenna Roberts

## PROLOGUE

<i>The Fairy of Beauty</i>	Brooke Ray
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	Edivaldo Souza da Silva
<i>The Fairy of Honour</i>	Reina Fuchigami
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	Kit Holder
<i>The Fairy of Modesty</i>	Alys Shee
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	Valentin Olovyannikov
<i>The Fairy of Song</i>	Laura Purkiss
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	Lachlan Monaghan
<i>The Fairy of Temperament</i>	Beatrice Parma
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	Aitor Galende
<i>The Fairy of Joy</i>	Céline Gittens
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	Brandon Lawrence
<i>Carabosse Attendants</i>	Billy Brooke, Sebastian Loe, Max Maslen, Brogan McKelvey, Gus Payne, Hamish Scott
<i>Lilac Fairy Attendants</i>	Ruth Brill, Laura Day, Rosanna Ely, Rachele Pizzillo, Lynsey Sutherland, Jade Wallace
<i>Ladies-in-waiting, Court Ladies, Court Gentlemen, Royal Attendants, Heralds, Guards, Nurses</i>	Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet

## INTERVAL

### ACT I

<i>Four Princes</i>	Brandon Lawrence, César Morales, Valentin Olovyannikov, Edivaldo Souza da Silva
<i>Princess Aurora's Friends</i>	Laura Day, Rosanna Ely, Miki Mizutani, Rachele Pizzillo, Laura Purkiss, Lynsey Sutherland
<i>Garland Dance</i>	Aranca Baselga, Karla Doorbar, Reina Fuchigami, Yvette Knight, Brooke Ray, Alys Shee, James Barton, Tim Dutson, Haoliang Feng, Miles Gilliver, Kit Holder, Tom Rogers

*Ladies-in-waiting, Court Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Royal Attendants, Heralds, Guards, Nurses* Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet

**SHORT PAUSE: THE AUDIENCE IS REQUESTED TO REMAIN SEATED**

**ACT II**

*The Countess* Delia Mathews  
*Gallison, the Prince's Aide* James Barton

*Ladies and Gentlemen of the Hunt, Nymphs,  
Ladies-in-waiting, Court Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Hunt Attendants, Musicians, Guards, Nurses* Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet

**INTERVAL**

**ACT III**

*Pas de quatre* Yvette Knight, Alys Shee,  
Haoliang Feng, Miles Gilliver  
*Puss-in-Boots and the White Cat* James Barton, Anna Monleon  
*The Bluebird and the Enchanted Princess* Max Maslen, Maureya Lebowitz  
*Red Riding Hood and the Wolf* Ruth Brill, Tom Rogers  
*Grand pas de deux* Yaoqian Shang, Chi Cao  
*Attendants, Guards* Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet

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## Royal Ballet Sinfonia

Conductor Koen Kessels; Leader Robert Gibbs



**Approximate timings**

*Prologue 34 minutes; Interval 15 minutes;  
Act I 29 minutes; Pause 3 minutes;  
Act II 32 minutes; Interval 15 minutes; Act III 40 minutes;  
The performance will end at approximately 10.20pm*

### THE STORY

#### PROLOGUE

The King and Queen have invited all the fairies to the christening of their daughter, Princess Aurora. They forgot to invite the evil fairy Carabosse, who storms in and vows that Aurora will prick her finger and die. Luckily the Lilac Fairy changes the spell and promises that Aurora will not die. Instead she will fall into a deep sleep and be woken after one hundred years by the kiss of a handsome Prince.

#### ACT I

It is Princess Aurora's 16th birthday and four princes arrive to try to win her heart. An old woman gives Aurora a bunch of flowers. Hidden in the flowers is a spindle. Aurora pricks her finger and falls to the ground. The old woman throws back her cloak, it's Carabosse! She announces that her curse has come true and Aurora will die. The Lilac Fairy arrives and casts a spell to send everyone to sleep. She grows a tangled forest hiding the palace from view.

#### ACT II

100 years later, a young Prince is hunting in the forest. He's dreaming of finding his one true love. To his amazement, the Lilac Fairy appears and shows him a vision of a Sleeping Beauty. He immediately falls in love with her and begs the Lilac Fairy to take him to the Sleeping Beauty. They set off through the tangled wood to the palace. When the Prince reaches the palace he finds Aurora and wakes her with a kiss.

#### ACT III

The Prince and Princess Aurora are married and amongst the guests are characters from different fairytales. Puss in Boots and the Bluebirds dance beautifully for the wedding guests, along with Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf. They congratulate the bride and groom, and the whole court joins in a dance of celebration as the Lilac Fairy arrives and blesses the marriage. The Prince and Princess dance a wonderful *pas de deux* and they live happily ever after.