



**BIRMINGHAM
ROYAL BALLET**

Director David Bintley CBE

**BIRMINGHAM
HIPPODROME**

Tuesday 20 February 2018

PLEASE DO NOT VIEW THIS CAST SHEET
DURING A PERFORMANCE

The Sleeping Beauty

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

King Florestan XXIV Jonathan Payn

His Queen Yijing Zhang

Princess Aurora Yaoqian Shang

Prince Florimund Chi Cao

Catalabutte, Master of Ceremonies

Rory Mackay

The Fairy Carabosse Jade Heusen

The Lilac Fairy Jenna Roberts

PROLOGUE

The Fairy of Beauty Brooke Ray

Her Cavalier Edivaldo Souza da Silva

The Fairy of Honour Reina Fuchigami

Her Cavalier Kit Holder

The Fairy of Modesty Alys Shee

Her Cavalier Valentin Olovyannikov

The Fairy of Song Laura Purkiss

Her Cavalier Lachlan Monaghan

The Fairy of Temperament Beatrice Parma

Her Cavalier Aitor Galende

The Fairy of Joy Céline Gittens

Her Cavalier Brandon Lawrence

Carabosse Attendants

Billy Brooke, Sebastian Loe, Max Maslen,

Brogan McKelvey, Gus Payne, Hamish Scott

Lilac Fairy Attendants

Ruth Brill, Laura Day,

Rosanna Ely, Rachele Pizzillo,

Lynsey Sutherland, Jade Wallace

Ladies-in-waiting, Court Ladies,

Court Gentlemen, Royal Attendants,

Heralds, Guards, Nurses

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INTERVAL

ACT I

Four Princes

Brandon Lawrence, César Morales,

Valentin Olovyannikov, Edivaldo Souza da Silva

Princess Aurora's Friends

Laura Day, Rosanna Ely,

Miki Mizutani, Rachele Pizzillo,

Laura Purkiss, Lynsey Sutherland

Garland Dance

Arancha Baselga, Karla Doorbar,

Reina Fuchigami, Yvette Knight,

Brooke Ray, Alys Shee,

James Barton, Tim Dutson,

Haoliang Feng, Miles Gilliver,

Kit Holder, Tom Rogers

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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

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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

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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, its 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.