



BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

Director David Bintley CBE

BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME

Wednesday 21 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 Wolfgang Stollwitzer
His Queen Daria Stanculescu
Princess Aurora Céline Gittens
Prince Florimund Tyrone Singleton

Catalabutte, Master of Ceremonies Michael O'Hare
The Fairy Carabosse Nao Sakuma
The Lilac Fairy Delia Mathews

PROLOGUE

The Fairy of Beauty Jenna Roberts
Her Cavalier Edivaldo Souza da Silva
The Fairy of Honour Arancha Baselga
Her Cavalier Haoliang Feng

The Fairy of Modesty Yvette Knight
Her Cavalier Tom Rogers
The Fairy of Song Ruth Brill
Her Cavalier Lachlan Monaghan

The Fairy of Temperament Momoko Hirata
Her Cavalier Tzu-Chao Chou
The Fairy of Joy Yijing Zhang
Her Cavalier Yasuo Atsuji

Carabosse Attendants Billy Brooke, Aitor Galende, Sebastian Loe, Brogan McKelvey, Gus Payne, Hamish Scott
Lilac Fairy Attendants Karla Doorbar, Reina Fuchigami, Yu Kurihara, Beatrice Parma, Rachele Pizzillo, Lynsey Sutherland

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

INTERVAL

ACT I

Four Princes Yasuo Atsuji, Brandon Lawrence, Jonathan Payn, Tom Rogers
Princess Aurora's Friends Laura Day, Karla Doorbar, Reina Fuchigami, Maureya Lebowitz, Miki Mizutani, Rachele Pizzillo

Garland Dance Ruth Brill, Jade Heusen, Yvette Knight, Anna Monleon, Laura Purkiss, Yijing Zhang, Tim Dutson, Haoliang Feng, Miles Gilliver, Max Maslen, Lachlan Monaghan, Edivaldo Souza da Silva

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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 Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet

INTERVAL

ACT III

Pas de quatre Arancha Baselga, Maureya Lebowitz, James Barton, Max Maslen
Puss-in-Boots and the White Cat Kit Holder, Yvette Knight

The Bluebird and the Enchanted Princess Tzu-Chao Chou, Beatrice Parma
Red Riding Hood and the Wolf Ruth Brill, Valentin Olovyanikov

Grand pas de deux Céline Gittens, Tyrone Singleton
Attendants, Guards Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet

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Royal Ballet Sinfonia

Conductor Paul Murphy
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.