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# The Sleeping Beauty

Wednesday 21 March 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>	<b>Dominic Antonucci</b>
<i>His Queen</i>	<b>Daria Stanculescu</b>
<i>Princess Aurora</i>	<b>Miki Mizutani</b>
<i>Prince Florimund</i>	<b>César Morales</b>
<i>Catalabutte, Master of Ceremonies</i>	<b>Rory Mackay</b>
<i>The Fairy Carabosse</i>	<b>Samara Downs</b>
<i>The Lilac Fairy</i>	<b>Yijing Zhang</b>

## PROLOGUE

<i>The Fairy of Beauty</i>	<b>Yaoqian Shang</b>
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	<b>Max Maslen</b>
<i>The Fairy of Honour</i>	<b>Arancha Baselga</b>
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	<b>Kit Holder</b>
<i>The Fairy of Modesty</i>	<b>Yvette Knight</b>
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	<b>Tom Rogers</b>
<i>The Fairy of Song</i>	<b>Karla Doorbar</b>
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	<b>Lachlan Monaghan</b>
<i>The Fairy of Temperament</i>	<b>Momoko Hirata</b>
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	<b>Tzu-Chao Chou</b>
<i>The Fairy of Joy</i>	<b>Céline Gittens</b>
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	<b>Brandon Lawrence</b>
<i>Carabosse Attendants</i>	<b>Billy Brooke, Aitor Galende, Sebastian Loe, Brogan McKelvey, Gus Payne, Hamish Scott</b>
<i>Lilac Fairy Attendants</i>	<b>Ruth Brill, Laura Day, Rosanna Ely, Reina Fuchigami, Beatrice Parma, Rachele Pizzillo</b>
<i>Ladies-in-waiting, Court Ladies, Court Gentlemen, Royal Attendants, Heralds, Guards, Nurses</i>	<b>Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet</b>

## INTERVAL

### ACT I

<i>Four Princes</i>	<b>Yasuo Atsuji, Mathias Dingman, Valentin Olovyanikov, Jonathan Payn</b>
<i>Princess Aurora's Friends</i>	<b>Ruth Brill, Rosanna Ely, Jade Heusen, Beatrice Parma, Rachele Pizzillo, Laura Purkiss</b>
<i>Garland Dance</i>	<b>Ruth Brill, Rosanna Ely, Anna Monleon, Brooke Ray, Yaoqian Shang, Alys Shee, Tim Dutson, Miles Gilliver, Brandon Lawrence, Max Maslen, Lachlan Monaghan, Edivaldo Souza da Silva</b>

*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*      **Yvette Knight**  
*Gallison, the Prince's Aide*      **Kit Holder**

*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, Karla Doorbar,  
James Barton, Kit Holder**  
*Puss-in-Boots and the White Cat*      **Feargus Campbell, Yvette Knight**  
*The Bluebird and the Enchanted Princess*      **Max Maslen, Maureya Lebowitz**  
*Red Riding Hood and the Wolf*      **Ruth Brill, Valentin Olovyanikov**  
*Grand pas de deux*      **Miki Mizutani, César Morales**  
*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, 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.