



# The Sleeping Beauty

Thursday matinee 22 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>	<b>Domonic Antonucci</b>
<i>His Queen</i>	<b>Laura Purkiss</b>
<i>Princess Aurora</i>	<b>Nao Sakuma</b>
<i>Prince Florimund</i>	<b>Yasuo Atsuji</b>
<i>Catalabutte, Master of Ceremonies</i>	<b>Valentin Olovyannikov</b>
<i>The Fairy Carabosse</i>	<b>Jade Heusen</b>
<i>The Lilac Fairy</i>	<b>Jenna Roberts</b>

## PROLOGUE

<i>The Fairy of Beauty</i>	<b>Yaoqian Shang</b>
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	<b>Brandon Lawrence</b>
<i>The Fairy of Honour</i>	<b>Reina Fuchigami</b>
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	<b>Kit Holder</b>
<i>The Fairy of Modesty</i>	<b>Rachele Pizzillo</b>
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	<b>Tom Rogers</b>
<i>The Fairy of Song</i>	<b>Karla Doorbar</b>
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	<b>James Barton</b>
<i>The Fairy of Temperament</i>	<b>Ruth Brill</b>
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	<b>Max Maslen</b>
<i>The Fairy of Joy</i>	<b>Alys Shee</b>
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	<b>Miles Gilliver</b>
<i>Carabosse Attendants</i>	<b>Aitor Galende, Sebastian Loe, Brogan McKelvey, Lachlan Monaghan, Gus Payne, Hamish Scott</b>
<i>Lilac Fairy Attendants</i>	<b>Laura Day, Rosanna Ely, Yu Kurihara, Beatrice Parma, Lynsey Sutherland, Jade Wallace</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>Mathias Dingman, Rory Mackay, Max Maslen, Jonathan Payn</b>
<i>Princess Aurora's Friends</i>	<b>Laura Day, Karla Doorbar, Reina Fuchigami, Maureya Lebowitz, Miki Mizutani, Rachele Pizzillo</b>
<i>Garland Dance</i>	<b>Aranca Baselga, Rosanna Ely, Maureya Lebowitz, Brooke Ray, Yaoqian Shang, Daria Stanculescu, James Barton, Tim Dutson, Haoliang Feng, Kit Holder, Brandon Lawrence, Tom Rogers</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* Yijing Zhang  
*Garrison, 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* Reina Fuchigami, Laura Purkiss,  
Kit Holder, Lachlan Monaghan  
*Puss-in-Boots and the White Cat* Hamish Scott, Daria Stanculescu  
*The Bluebird and the Enchanted Princess* Max Maslen, Maureya Lebowitz  
*Red Riding Hood and the Wolf* Laura Day, Tim Dutson  
*Grand pas de deux* Nao Sakuma, Yasuo Atsuji  
*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 4.50pm*

### 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.