



# BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

Director David Bintley CBE



THEATRE ROYAL PLYMOUTH THE LYRIC

Thursday 22 March 2018

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## 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** Yijing Zhang

**Princess Aurora** Maureya Lebowitz

**Prince Florimund** Lachlan Monaghan

**Catalabutte, Master of Ceremonies**

Valentin Olovyannikov

**The Fairy Carabosse** Jade Heusen

**The Lilac Fairy** Arancha Baselga

### 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** Miki Mizutani

**Her Cavalier** Miles Gilliver

**The Fairy of Song** Laura Day

**Her Cavalier** Aitor Galende

**The Fairy of Temperament** Beatrice Parma

**Her Cavalier** Max Maslen

**The Fairy of Joy** Delia Mathews

**Her Cavalier** Yasuo Atsuji

**Carabosse Attendants**

James Barton, Billy Brooke, Sebastian Loe, Brogan McKelvey, Gus Payne, Hamish Scott

**Lilac Fairy Attendants**

Ruth Brill, Karla Doorbar, Rosanna Ely, Rachele Pizzillo, Emma Price, Jade Wallace

**Ladies-in-waiting, Court Ladies, Court Gentlemen, Royal Attendants, Heralds, Guards, Nurses**

Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet

### INTERVAL

#### ACT I

**Four Princes**

Feargus Campbell, Rory Mackay, César Morales, Jonathan Payn

**Princess Aurora's Friends**

Reina Fuchigami, Miki Mizutani, Beatrice Parma, Rachele Pizzillo, Emma Price, Laura Purkiss

**Garland Dance**

Ruth Brill, Rosanna Ely, Yvette Knight, Anna Monleon, Brooke Ray, Daria Stanculescu, James Barton, Tim Dutson, Miles Gilliver, Brandon Lawrence, Tom Rogers, Edivalso Souza da Silva

**Ladies-in-waiting, Court Ladies, Court Gentlemen, Royal Attendants, Heralds, Guards, Nurses**

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

#### ACT II

**The Countess** Alys Shee

**Gallison, the Prince's Aide**

Valentin Olovyannikov

**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**

Karla Doorbar, Beatrice Parma, Aitor Galende, Gus Payne

**Puss-in-Boots and the White Cat**

James Barton, Brooke Ray

**The Bluebird and the Enchanted Princess**

Mathias Dingman, Nao Sakuma

**Red Riding Hood and the Wolf**

Laura Purkiss, Miles Gilliver

**Grand pas de deux**

Maureya Lebowitz, Lachlan Monaghan

**Attendants, Guards**

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### Royal Ballet Sinfonia

*Conductor* Tom Seligman;

*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.