



The Sleeping Beauty

Friday 23 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

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| <i>King Florestan XXIV</i> | Jonathan Payn |
| <i>His Queen</i> | Yvette Knight |
| <i>Princess Aurora</i> | Momoko Hirata |
| <i>Prince Florimund</i> | Mathias Dingman |
| <i>Catalabutte, Master of Ceremonies</i> | Michael O'Hare |
| <i>The Fairy Carabosse</i> | Daria Stanculescu |
| <i>The Lilac Fairy</i> | Delia Mathews |

PROLOGUE

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| <i>The Fairy of Beauty</i> | Yaoqian Shang |
| <i>Her Cavalier</i> | Max Maslen |
| <i>The Fairy of Honour</i> | Arancha Baselga |
| <i>Her Cavalier</i> | Haoliang Feng |
| <i>The Fairy of Modesty</i> | Alys Shee |
| <i>Her Cavalier</i> | Tom Rogers |
| <i>The Fairy of Song</i> | Karla Doorbar |
| <i>Her Cavalier</i> | Lachlan Monaghan |
| <i>The Fairy of Temperament</i> | Maureya Lebowitz |
| <i>Her Cavalier</i> | Tzu-Chao Chou |
| <i>The Fairy of Joy</i> | Yijing Zhang |
| <i>Her Cavalier</i> | Miles Gilliver |
| <i>Carabosse Attendants</i> | Billy Brooke, Aitor Galende, Sebastian Loe, Brogan McKelvey, Gus Payne, Hamish Scott |
| <i>Lilac Fairy Attendants</i> | Ruth Brill, Laura Day, Reina Fuchigami, Beatrice Parma, Rachele Pizzillo, Lynsey Sutherland |
| <i>Ladies-in-waiting, Court Ladies, Court Gentlemen, Royal Attendants, Heralds, Guards, Nurses</i> | Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet |

INTERVAL

ACT I

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| <i>Four Princes</i> | Yasuo Atsuji, Valentin Olovyannikov, Tom Rogers, Tyrone Singleton |
| <i>Princess Aurora's Friends</i> | Laura Day, Karla Doorbar, Reina Fuchigami, Maureya Lebowitz, Miki Mizutani, Rachele Pizzillo |
| <i>Garland Dance</i> | Ruth Brill, Jade Heusen, Anna Monleon, Laura Purkiss, Yaoqian Shang, Yijing Zhang Tim Dutson, Haoliang Feng, Brandon Lawrence, Max Maslen, Lachlan Monaghan, Edivaldo Souza da Silva |

*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 **Alys Shee**
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, Maureya Lebowitz,
James Barton, Max Maslen**
Puss-in-Boots and the White Cat **Kit Holder, Brooke Ray**
The Bluebird and the Enchanted Princess **Lachlan Monaghan, Yaoqian Shang**
Red Riding Hood and the Wolf **Jade Heusen, Tom Rogers**
Grand pas de deux **Momoko Hirata, Mathias Dingman**
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.