

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

Director David Bintley CBE



THEATRE ROYAL PLYMOUTH THE LYRIC

Friday 23 March 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 Arancha Baselga
Princess Aurora Nao Sakuma
Prince Florimund Yasuo Atsuji

Catalabutte, Master of Ceremonies Valentin Olovyannikov

The Fairy Carabosse Samara Downs
The Lilac Fairy Yvette Knight

PROLOGUE

The Fairy of Beauty Brooke Ray
Her Cavalier Brandon Lawrence

The Fairy of Honour Reina Fuchigami
Her Cavalier Haoliang Feng

The Fairy of Modesty Alys Shee
Her Cavalier Tom Rogers

The Fairy of Song Laura Purkiss
Her Cavalier Lachlan Monaghan

The Fairy of Temperament Momoko Hirata
Her Cavalier Chi Cao

The Fairy of Joy Yijing Zhang
Her Cavalier Miles Gilliver

Carabosse Attendants

Billy Brooke, Aitor Galende, Sebastian Loe, Brogan McKelvey, Gus Payne, Hamish Scott

Lilac Fairy Attendants

Ruth Brill, Laura Day, Rosanna Ely, Rachele Pizzillo, Lynsey Sutherland, Jade Wallace

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

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INTERVAL

ACT I

Four Princes

Brandon Lawrence, Max Maslen, Jonathan Payn, Tyrone Singleton

Princess Aurora's Friends

Ruth Brill, Rosanna Ely, Jade Heusen, Beatrice Parma, Rachele Pizzillo, Laura Purkiss

Garland Dance

Ruth Brill, Anna Monleon, Brooke Ray, Yaoqian Shang, Alys Shee, Yiyi Zhang, James Barton, Haoliang Feng, Miles Gilliver, Kit Holder, Edivalso Souza da Silva, Harry Wright

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SHORT PAUSE: THE AUDIENCE IS REQUESTED TO REMAIN SEATED

ACT II

The Countess Daria Stanciulescu
Gallison, the Prince's Aide Rory Mackay

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

Reina Fuchigami, Miki Mizutani, Kit Holder, Lachlan Monaghan

Puss-in-Boots and the White Cat Feargus Campbell, Anna Monleon

The Bluebird and the Enchanted Princess Tzu-Chao Chou, Beatrice Parma

Red Riding Hood and the Wolf Laura Purkiss, Miles Gilliver

Grand pas de deux

Nao Sakuma, Yasuo Atsuji

Attendants, Guards

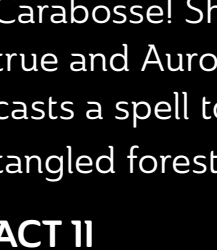
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Royal Ballet Sinfonia

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.