

The Sleeping Beauty

Saturday 24 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>	Dominic Antonucci
<i>His Queen</i>	Laura Purkiss
<i>Princess Aurora</i>	Yaoqian Shang
<i>Prince Florimund</i>	Chi Cao
<i>Catalabutte, Master of Ceremonies</i>	Jonathan Payn
<i>The Fairy Carabosse</i>	Daria Stanculescu
<i>The Lilac Fairy</i>	Yijing Zhang

PROLOGUE

<i>The Fairy of Beauty</i>	Jenna Roberts
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	Edivaldo Souza da Silva
<i>The Fairy of Honour</i>	Arancha Baselga
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	Haoliang Feng
<i>The Fairy of Modesty</i>	Miki Mizutani
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	Valentin Olovyannikov
<i>The Fairy of Song</i>	Karla Doorbar
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	James Barton
<i>The Fairy of Temperament</i>	Momoko Hirata
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	Tzu-Chao Chou
<i>The Fairy of Joy</i>	Céline Gittens
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	Brandon Lawrence
<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, Rachele Pizzillo, Lynsey Sutherland, Jade Wallace
<i>Ladies-in-waiting, Court Ladies, Court Gentlemen, Royal Attendants, Heralds, Guards, Nurses</i>	Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet

INTERVAL

ACT I

<i>Four Princes</i>	Brandon Lawrence, César Morales, Valentin Olovyannikov, Edivaldo Souza da Silva
<i>Princess Aurora's Friends</i>	Laura Day, Rosanna Ely, Jade Heusen, Maureya Lebowitz, Rachele Pizzillo, Lynsey Sutherland
<i>Garland Dance</i>	Ruth Brill, Karla Doorbar, Yvette Knight, Miki Mizutani, Anna Monleon, Alys Shee, Tim Dutson, Haoliang Feng, Miles Gilliver, Kit Holder, Max Maslen, Tom Rogers

*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 Delia Mathews
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* Artists of Birmingham Royal Ballet

INTERVAL

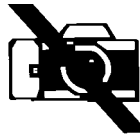
ACT III

Pas de quatre Yvette Knight, Alys Shee,
Haoliang Feng, Miles Gilliver
Puss-in-Boots and the White Cat James Barton, Anna Monleon
The Bluebird and the Enchanted Princess Tzu-Chao Chou, Beatrice Parma
Red Riding Hood and the Wolf Ruth Brill, Wolfgang Stollwitzer
Grand pas de deux Yaoqian Shang, Chi Cao
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 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.