



**BIRMINGHAM
ROYAL BALLET**

Director David Bintley CBE



THE LOWRY

Wednesday 28 February 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 Yijing Zhang

Princess Aurora Delia Mathews

Prince Florimund Brandon Lawrence

Catalabutte, Master of Ceremonies

Jonathan Payn

The Fairy Carabosse Nao Sakuma

The Lilac Fairy Jenna Roberts

PROLOGUE

The Fairy of Beauty Yaoqian Shang

Her Cavalier Max Maslen

The Fairy of Honour Arancha Baselga

Her Cavalier Haoliang Feng

The Fairy of Modesty Yvette Knight

Her Cavalier Valentin Olovyannikov

The Fairy of Song Laura Day

Her Cavalier James Barton

The Fairy of Temperament Beatrice Parma

Her Cavalier Aitor Galende

The Fairy of Joy Céline Gittens

Her Cavalier Yasuo Atsuji

Carabosse Attendants

Billy Brooke, Sebastian Loe, Brogan McKelvey,

Lachlan Monaghan, Gus Payne, Hamish Scott

Lilac Fairy Attendants

Ruth Brill, Karla Doorbar,

Reina Fuchigami, 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

Yasuo Atsuji, Tyrone Singleton,

Valentin Olovyannikov, Edivaldo Souza da Silva

Princess Aurora's Friends

Laura Day, Reina Fuchigami,

Miki Mizutani, Rachele Pizzillo,

Laura Purkiss, Lynsey Sutherland

Garland Dance

Arancha Baselga, Ruth Brill,

Jade Heusen, Yaoqian Shang,

Alys Shee, Daria Stanciulescu

Tim Dutson, Haoliang Feng,

Miles Gilliver, Kit Holder,

Max Maslen, Tom Rogers

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SHORT PAUSE: THE AUDIENCE IS REQUESTED TO REMAIN SEATED

ACT II

The Countess Yvette Knight

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

Arancha Baselga, Karla Doorbar,

James Barton, Max Maslen

Puss-in-Boots and the White Cat

Kit Holder, Yvette Knight

The Bluebird and the Enchanted Princess

Yasuo Atsuji, Céline Gittens

Red Riding Hood and the Wolf

Ruth Brill, Valentin Olovyannikov

Grand pas de deux

Delia Mathews, Brandon Lawrence

Attendants, Guards

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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, 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.