



**BIRMINGHAM
ROYAL BALLET**

Director David Bintley CBE



**THEATRE
ROYAL
PLYMOUTH
THE LYRIC**

The Sleeping Beauty

Thursday matinee 22 March 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>	Jonathan Payn
<i>His Queen</i>	Laura Purkiss
<i>Princess Aurora</i>	Yaoqian Shang
<i>Prince Florimund</i>	Chi Cao
<i>Catalabutte, Master of Ceremonies</i>	Michael O'Hare
<i>The Fairy Carabosse</i>	Nao Sakuma
<i>The Lilac Fairy</i>	Delia Mathews

PROLOGUE

<i>The Fairy of Beauty</i>	Brooke Ray
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	Edivaldo Souza da Silva
<i>The Fairy of Honour</i>	Jade Heusen
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	Haoliang Feng
<i>The Fairy of Modesty</i>	Yvette Knight
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	Valentin Olovyannikov
<i>The Fairy of Song</i>	Laura Day
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	Aitor Galende
<i>The Fairy of Temperament</i>	Beatrice Parma
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	Miles Gilliver
<i>The Fairy of Joy</i>	Yijing Zhang
<i>Her Cavalier</i>	Yasuo Atsuji
<i>Carabosse Attendants</i>	Billy Brooke, Sebastian Loe, Max Maslen, Brogan McKelvey, Gus Payne, Hamish Scott
<i>Lilac Fairy Attendants</i>	Karla Doorbar, Rosanna Ely, Reina Fuchigami, Emma Price, Rachele Pizzillo, 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, Valentin Olovyannikov, Tyrone Singleton, Edivaldo Souza da Silva
<i>Princess Aurora's Friends</i>	Ruth Brill, Laura Day, Rosanna Ely, Jade Heusen, Rachele Pizzillo, Emma Price
<i>Garland Dance</i>	Aranca Baselga, Reina Fuchigami, Yvette Knight Miki Mizutani, Alys Shee, Daria Stanciulescu Tim Dutson, Haoliang Feng, Miles Gilliver Kit Holder, Max Maslen, Harry Wright

*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 Yijing Zhang
Gallison, the Prince's Aide James Barton

*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 Hamish Scott, Daria Stanciulescu
The Bluebird and the Enchanted Princess Tzu-Chao Chou, Beatrice Parma
Red Riding Hood and the Wolf Jade Heusen, Valentin Olovyannikov
Grand pas de deux Yaoqian Shang, Chi Cao
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 4.50pm*

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.