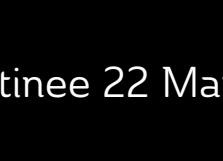




BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

Director David Bintley CBE



THEATRE
ROYAL
PLYMOUTH
THE LYRIC

Thursday matinee 22 March 2018

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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 Jonathan Payn

His Queen Laura Purkiss

Princess Aurora Yaoqian Shang

Prince Florimund Chi Cao

Catalabutte, Master of Ceremonies

Michael O'Hare

The Fairy Carabosse Nao Sakuma

The Lilac Fairy Delia Mathews

PROLOGUE

The Fairy of Beauty Brooke Ray

Her Cavalier Edivaldo Souza da Silva

The Fairy of Honour Jade Heusen

Her Cavalier Haoliang Feng

The Fairy of Modesty Yvette Knight

Her Cavalier Valentin Olovyanikov

The Fairy of Song Laura Day

Her Cavalier Aitor Galende

The Fairy of Temperament Beatrice Parma

Her Cavalier Miles Gilliver

The Fairy of Joy Yijing Zhang

Her Cavalier Yasuo Atsuji

Carabosse Attendants

Billy Brooke, Sebastian Loe, Max Maslen, Brogan McKelvey, Gus Payne, Hamish Scott

Lilac Fairy Attendants

Karla Doorbar, Rosanna Ely, Reina Fuchigami, Emma Price, Rachele Pizzillo, 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, Valentin Olovyanikov, Tyrone Singleton, Edivaldo Souza da Silva

Princess Aurora's Friends

Ruth Brill, Laura Day, Rosanna Ely, Jade Heusen, Rachele Pizzillo, Emma Price

Garland Dance

Arancha Baselga, Reina Fuchigami, Yvette Knight, Miki Mizutani, Alys Shee, Daria Stanculescu

Tim Dutson, Haoliang Feng, Miles Gilliver, Kit Holder, Max Maslen, Harry Wright

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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

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INTERVAL

ACT III

Pas de quatre

Yvette Knight, Alys Shee, Haoliang Feng, Miles Gilliver

Puss-in-Boots and the White Cat

Hamish Scott, Daria Stanculescu

The Bluebird and the Enchanted Princess

Tzu-Chao Chou, Beatrice Parma

Red Riding Hood and the Wolf

Jade Heusen, Valentin Olovyanikov

Grand pas de deux

Yaoqian Shang, Chi Cao

Attendants, Guards

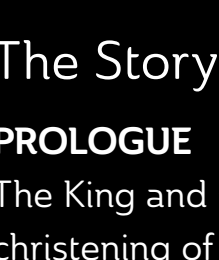
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Royal Ballet Sinfonia

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 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, 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.