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## THE ROYAL BALLET

DIRECTOR KEVIN O'HARE  
FOUNDER DAME NINETTE DE VALOIS OM CH DBE  
FOUNDER CHOREOGRAPHER  
SIR FREDERICK ASHTON OM CH CBE  
FOUNDER MUSIC DIRECTOR CONSTANT LAMBERT  
PRIMA BALLERINA ASSOLUTA  
DAME MARGOT FONTEYN DBE

# THE SLEEPING BEAUTY

BALLET IN A PROLOGUE AND THREE ACTS

CHOREOGRAPHY MARIUS PETIPA  
ADDITIONAL CHOREOGRAPHY FREDERICK ASHTON,  
ANTHONY DOWELL, CHRISTOPHER WHEELDON  
MUSIC PYOTR IL'YICH TCHAIKOVSKY

PRODUCTION MONICA MASON AND CHRISTOPHER NEWTON  
AFTER NINETTE DE VALOIS AND NICHOLAS SERGEYEV  
ORIGINAL DESIGNS OLIVER MESSEL  
ADDITIONAL DESIGNS PETER FARMER  
LIGHTING DESIGN MARK JONATHAN  
STAGING CHRISTOPHER CARR  
BALLET MASTER GARY AVIS  
BALLET MISTRESS SAMANTHA RAINE  
PRINCIPAL COACHING ALEXANDER AGADZHANOV, LESLEY COLLIER,  
JONATHAN COPE, MONICA MASON, CHRISTOPHER NEWTON  
DANCE NOTATOR GRANT COYLE

CONDUCTOR VALERY OVSYANIKOV

ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE  
CO-CONCERT MASTER SERGEY LEVITIN

DIRECTED FOR THE SCREEN BY  
ROSS MACGIBBON

LIVE FROM THE  
ROYAL OPERA HOUSE  
WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2014  
AT 7.15PM

### APPROXIMATE TIMINGS

Live cinema relay begins at 7.15pm

Introduced by Darcey Bussell

Prologue 33 minutes

**Cinema interval**

Act I 31 minutes

**Cinema interval**

Acts II and III 70 minutes

The performance will end at approximately 10.30pm

Tweet your thoughts about tonight's performance before it starts,  
during the interval or afterwards with **#ROHbeauty**

### 2013/14 LIVE CINEMA SEASON

**THE WINTER'S TALE** MONDAY 28 APRIL 2014

**MANON LESCAUT** TUESDAY 24 JUNE 2014

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the production. By purchasing your digital guide you can explore  
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Ballet's production and its designs, the well-loved fairytale  
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## THE STORY

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### PROLOGUE

#### The Christening

King Florestan XXIV and his Queen have invited all the fairies to be godmothers at the christening of their daughter, Princess Aurora. They arrive with presents for the baby but the proceedings are interrupted by the arrival of Carabosse, the Wicked Fairy. In her anger at not being invited she gives Aurora a spindle, saying that one day the Princess will prick her finger on it and die. The Lilac Fairy, who has yet to bestow her gift, promises that Aurora will not die but fall into a deep sleep, from which she will be woken by a prince's kiss.

### Interval

### ACT I

#### The Spell

It is Princess Aurora's 16th birthday and four princes come to vie for her hand in marriage. Three women are discovered by Cattalabutte to have knitting needles. He is horrified as all needles and pins have been banned, and King Florestan, in a fury, decrees that the women must die. The Queen pleads for mercy as it is her daughter's birthday, so the King relents.

As Aurora dances she is interrupted by an old woman who gives her a spindle. Curious, she plays with it and, pricking her finger, falls in a dead faint. The old woman throws back her cloak to reveal herself as Carabosse and after reminding everyone of her spell, vanishes. The Lilac Fairy appears to fulfil her promise. She casts a spell of sleep over everyone and causes a thick forest to grow over the palace.

### Interval

### ACT II

#### The Vision

One hundred years later, Prince Florimund is hunting in the forest with members of his court. A stag is sighted and the company pursue it, leaving the young Prince behind to dream pensively of an ideal love. The Lilac Fairy appears and shows him a vision of Princess Aurora. Florimund implores her to take him to where she sleeps. Outside the palace gates they are met by Carabosse, whom the Lilac Fairy repels. At last Prince Florimund awakens Princess Aurora with a kiss – the spell is broken and Carabosse is finally vanquished.

### ACT III

#### The Wedding

Fairytale characters come to the wedding of Prince Florimund and Princess Aurora. They all join in the celebrations and the Lilac Fairy blesses the marriage.

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## CAST

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PRINCESS AURORA **SARAH LAMB**

PRINCE FLORIMUND **STEVEN McRAE**

KING FLORESTAN XXIV **CHRISTOPHER SAUNDERS**

HIS QUEEN **ELIZABETH McGORIAN**

CARABOSSE **KRISTEN McNALLY**

LILAC FAIRY **LAURA McCULLOCH**

PRINCESS FLORINE **YUHUI CHOE**

THE BLUEBIRD **VALENTINO ZUCCHETTI**

GRAND PAS DE DEUX **SARAH LAMB, STEVEN McRAE**

**ARTISTS OF THE ROYAL BALLE  
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