Approximate timings

Live cinema relay begins at 7.15pm, ballet begins at 7.30pm

Prologue 35 minutes Interval 20 minutes Act I 30 minutes Interval 20 minutes Act II 30 minutes Pause 5 minutes Act III 40 minutes

The live relay will end at approximately 10.35pm

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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 SCENARIO IVAN VSEVOLOZHSKY

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> CONDUCTOR **SIMON HEWETT** ORCHESTRA OF THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE CONCERT MASTER **SERGEY LEVITIN**

DIRECTED FOR THE SCREEN BY ROSS MACGIBBON

LIVE FROM THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2020, 7.15PM



The Story of The Sleeping Beauty

King Florestan XXIV and his Queen have invited all the fairies to the christening of their daughter, Princess Aurora. The celebration is 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 promises that Aurora will not die but fall into a deep sleep, from which she will be woken by a prince's kiss.

Interval

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

An old woman gives Aurora a spindle. She pricks her finger and falls in a dead faint. The old woman reveals herself as Carabosse and after reminding everyone of her spell, vanishes. The Lilac Fairy casts a spell of sleep over everyone and causes a thick forest to grow over the palace.

Interval

A 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.

Fairytale characters come to the wedding of Prince Florimund and Princess Aurora. The Lilac Fairy blesses their marriage.

Cast

| KING FLORESTAN XXIV | CHRISTOPHER SAUNDERS |
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| HIS QUEEN | ELIZABETH MCGORIAN |
| PRINCESS AURORA | LAUREN CUTHBERTSON |
| PRINCE FLORIMUND | FEDERICO BONELLI |
| CATALABUTTE MASTER OF CEREMONIES | BENNET GARTSIDE |
| CARABOSSE | KRISTEN MCNALLY |
| LILAC FAIRY | FUMI KANEKO |
| FAIRY OF THE CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN | ROMANY PAJDAK |
| FAIRY OF THE ENCHANTED GARDEN | MAYARA MAGRI |
| FAIRY OF THE WOODLAND GLADE | CLAIRE CALVERT |
| FAIRY OF THE SONG BIRD | ANNA ROSE O'SULLIVAN |
| FAIRY OF THE GOLDEN VINE | YUHUI CHOE |
| THE ENGLISH PRINCE | GARY AVIS |
| THE FRENCH PRINCE | NICOL EDMONDS |
| THE INDIAN PRINCE | DAVID DONNELLY |
| THE RUSSIAN PRINCE | THOMAS WHITEHEAD |
| THE COUNTESS | CHRISTINA ARESTIS |
| FLORESTAN AND HIS SISTERS | JAMES HAY, MAYARA MAGRI ANNA ROSE O'SULLIVAN |
| PUSS-IN-BOOTS AND THE WHITE CAT | PAUL KAY, LETICIA STOCK |
| PRINCESS FLORINE AND | YASMINE NAGHDI, |
| THE BLUEBIRD | MATTHEW BALL |
| RED RIDING HOOD AND | ROMANY PAJDAK, |
| THE WOLF | NICOL EDMONDS |

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