

The Sleeping Beauty

In association with NZCT

WHEN AND WHERE

Thursday, 29 October 2026
St James Theatre, Wellington

Principal Cast

Princess Aurora
Mayu Tanigaito

Prince Désiré
Laurynas Vėjalis

Wisdom, The Lilac Fairy
Ana Gallardo Lobaina

Carabosse
Kirby Selchow

The King
Jun Samblaceno *

The Queen
Jemima Scott

Catalabutte
Kohei Iwamoto *

Lady Florine
Gretchen Steimle

Blue Bird
Catarina Estévez Collins & Kihiro Kusakami

Fairies

Beauty, The Blue Fairy
Emma Gavan

Witt, The Green Fairy
Cadence Barrack

Grace, The Orange Fairy
Katherine Minor

Song, The Yellow Fairy
Rose Xu

Act One

FAIRY CAVALIERS

Joshua Guillemot-Rodgerson

Kihiro Kusakami

Jason Ferro ‡

Dane Head

Zacharie Dun

CARABOSSE ATTENDANTS

Callahan Laird

Rory Taylforth ‡

Jake Gisby

Branden Reiners

FEMALE COURTIER

Hannah Thomson

Tessa Karle

Ruby Ryburn

Breyah Takitimu

Olivia Platt

* Guest Character Artist
† Student seconded from the New Zealand School of Dance
‡ Dancer contracted for The Sleeping Beauty season only
^ Child Extra

MALE COURTIERS

Ethan Dwyer	Michael Scott-Kahans ‡	Joshua Douglas	Matthew Maxwell ‡
Padraic Lum			

FOUR YOUNG PRINCES

Russian	Chinese	Indian	Persian
Adam Fairullzad ^	Dean Russell ^	Patrick Bexley ^	Killian Gallen ^

GUARDS

Angus O'Connell	Malakai Jessop ‡
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MAIDS

Ella Chambers ‡	Miriyarn Barnes †
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Russian	Chinese	Indian	Persian
Joshua Guillemot-Rodgers	Kihiro Kusakami	Zacharie Dun	Branden Reiners

LEAD GARDENERS

Catarina Estévez Collins	Dane Head
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FEMALE GARDENERS

Ema Takahashi	Charlotte Willis	Lyn Lin	Ruby Ryburn
Breyah Takitimu	Hannah Thomson		

MALE GARDENERS

Jake Gisby	Michael Scott-Kahans ‡	Jason Ferro ‡	Joshua Douglas
Ethan Dwyer	Callahan Laird		

Act Two

PRINCE'S FRIENDS

Jason Ferro ‡	Dane Head
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GALLIFRON

Zacharie Dun

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AURORA DOUBLE

Liezl Herrera [†]

WOOD NYMPHS FEMALE

Ema Takahashi	Charlotte Willis	Lyn Lin	Ruby Ryburn
Hannah Thomson	Breyah Takitimu		

WOOD NYMPHS MALE

Matthew Maxwell [‡]	Michael Scott-Kahans [‡]	Angus O'Connell	Joshua Douglas
Ethan Dwyer	Padraic Lum		

CARABOSSE ATTENDANTS

Callahan Laird	Rory Taylforth [‡]	Jake Gisby	Branden Reiners
Jordan Sawtell			

DRAGON

Jason Ferro [‡]	Dane Head	Zacharie Dun	Jake Gisby
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Hannah Thomson	Olivia Platt		

MALE COURTIER

Matthew Maxwell [‡]	Joshua Douglas	Michael Scott-Kahans [‡]	Ethan Dwyer
Callahan Laird	Padraic Lum		

Supporting cast



PRINCIPAL PARTNER

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New Zealand Symphony Orchestra



First Violins

Vesa-Matti Leppänen |
Concertmaster
Donald Armstrong | Associate
Concertmaster
Belle Ting | Guest Assistant
Concertmaster
Yuka Eguchi | Principal
Emma Barron
Ursula Evans
Malavika Gopal
Pam Jiang
Haihong Liu
Anne Loeser
Alan Molina
Gregory Squire
Rebecca Struthers
Anna van der Zee
Beiyi Xue
Kristina Zelinska

Second Violins

Andrew Thomson | Section
Principal
Amy Boucher | Associate
Principal
David Gilling | Sub-Principal
Emeritus
Janet Armstrong | Assistant Sub-
Principal Emeritus
Simeon Broom
Elsbeth Gray
Megan Molina
Elizabeth Patchett
Katherine Rowe
Christine Wang

Violas

Alexander McFarlane | Associate
Principal
Nicholas Hancox | Assistant
Principal
Anna Debnam
Beatrix Francis
Jenaro Garita
Belinda Veitch

Cello

Andrew Joyce | Section Principal
Ian Greenberg | Assistant
Principal
David Chickering | Section
Principal Emeritus
Rowan Hazzlewood
Sally Isaac
Annemarie Meijers

Basses

Damien Eckersley | Acting
Section Principal
Oleksandr Gunchenko
Alanna Jones
Malcolm Struthers

Flutes

Bridget Douglas | Section
Principal
Kirsten Eade | Associate Principal
Althea James | Guest Sub-
Principal

Oboes

Robert Orr | Section Principal
Helen Clinton | Associate
Principal

Cor Anglais

Michael Austin | Principal

Clarinets

Ellen Deverall | Associate
Principal

Bass Clarinet

Romola Smith | Principal

Bassoons

Sam Brough | Associate Principal

Contrabassoon

Jessica Goldbaum | Guest
Principal

Horns

Julian Zheng | Guest Section
Principal
Alexander Hambleton | Associate
Principal
Sebastian Dunn | Sub-Principal
Shadley van Wyk | Sub-Principal
Joshua Davies | Guest Sub-
Principal

Trumpets

Michael Kirgan | Section Principal
David Johnson | Associate
Principal
Mark Carter | Sub-Principal
Matthew Stein | Guest Sub-
Principal

Trombones

David Bremner | Section Principal
Matthew Allison | Associate
Principal

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Bass Trombone

Shannon Pittaway | Principal

Tuba

Andrew Jarvis | Principal

Timpani

Laurence Reese | Section
Principal

Percussion

Leonard Sakofsky | Section
Principal

Thomas Guldborg | Associate
Principal/Assistant Timpani

Sam Rich | Sub-Principal

Harp

Louisic Dulbecco | Guest Principal

Piano

Noelle Dannenbring | RNZB
Company Pianist

Performance Schedule

Approximately 2 hour and 30 minutes including one 20 minute interval.
A 15 minute lockout period applies to each act of the performance.
Smoke, haze and lighting effects will be used during this performance.

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