The Sleeping Beauty

In association with NZCT

WHEN AND WHERE

Saturday, 31 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
Ella Chambers ‡

Blue Bird
Catarina Estévez Collins & Kihiro Kusukami

Fairies

Beauty, The Blue Fairy
Emma Gavan

Witt, The Green Fairy
Cadence Barrack

Grace, The Orange Fairy
Gretchen Steimle

Song, The Yellow Fairy
Rose Xu

Act One

FAIRY CAVALIERS

Joshua Guillemot-Rodgerson
Jason Ferro ‡
Dane Head
Zacharie Dun
Kihiro Kusukami

CARABOSSE ATTENDANTS

Callahan Laird
Rory Taylforth ‡
Jake Gisby
Branden Reiners

FEMALE COURTIERS

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

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MALE COURTIERS

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

FOUR YOUNG PRINCES

Russian
Adam Fairullzad ^

Chinese
Dean Russell ^

Indian
Patrick Bexley ^

Persian
Killian Gallen ^

GUARDS

Angus O'Connell
Malakai Jessop ‡

MAIDS

Liezl Herrera †
Miriyan Barnes †

FOUR PRINCES

Russian
Joshua Guillemot-Rodgerson

Chinese
Kihiro Kusukami

Indian
Zacharie Dun

Persian
Branden Reiners

LEAD GARDENERS

Catarina Estévez Collins
Dane Head

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

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

FEMALE COURTIERS

Ema Takahashi
Lyn Lin
Charlotte Willis
Ruby Ryburn
Hannah Thomson
Olivia Platt

MALE COURTIERS

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

Elspeth 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 Mejiers

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

Contrabasson

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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