The Sleeping Beauty

In association with NZCT

WHEN AND WHERE

Saturday, 7 November 2026
St James Theatre, Wellington

Principal Cast

Princess Aurora
Ana Gallardo Lobaina

Prince Désiré
Joshua Guillemot-Rodgerson

Wisdom, The Lilac Fairy
Jemima Scott

Carabosse
Mayu Tanigaito

The King
Jun Samblaceno *

The Queen
Kirby Selchow

Catalabutte
Kohei Iwamoto *

Lady Florine
Ella Chambers ‡

Blue Bird
Cadence Barrack & Dane Head

Fairies

Beauty, The Blue Fairy
Hannah Thomson

Witt, The Green Fairy
Ema Takahashi

Grace, The Orange Fairy
Gretchen Steimle

Song, The Yellow Fairy
Catarina Estévez Collins

Act One

FAIRY CAVALIERS

Branden Reiners
Laurynas Vėjalis
Jake Gisby
Zacharie Dun
Matthew Maxwell ‡

CARABOSSE ATTENDANTS

Padraic Lum
Ethan Dwyer
Joshua Douglas
Angus O'Connell

FEMALE COURTIERS

Rose Xu
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

Jordan Sawtell
Michael Scott-Kahans ‡
Dane Head
Callahan Laird
Jason Ferro ‡

FOUR YOUNG PRINCES

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

GUARDS

Rory Taylforth ‡
Malakai Jessop ‡

MAIDS

Liezl Herrera †
Miriyan Barnes †

FOUR PRINCES

Russian	**Chinese**	**Indian**	**Persian**
Branden Reiners	Laurynas Vėjalis	Jordan Sawtell	Callahan Laird

LEAD GARDENERS

Katherine Minor
Kihiro Kusukami

FEMALE GARDENERS

Rose Xu
Charlotte Willis
Lyn Lin
Ruby Ryburn
Emma Gavan
Olivia Platt

MALE GARDENERS

Jake Gisby
Matthew Maxwell ‡
Angus O'Connell
Joshua Douglas
Ethan Dwyer
Padraic Lum

Act Two

PRINCE'S FRIENDS

Zacharie Dun
Michael Scott-Kahans ‡

GALLIFRON

Branden Reiners

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AURORA DOUBLE

Liezl Herrera †

WOOD NYMPHS FEMALE

Rose Xu
Charlotte Willis
Lyn Lin
Ruby Ryburn
Olivia Platt
Emma Gavan

WOOD NYMPHS MALE

Matthew Maxwell ‡
Jason Ferro ‡
Jake Gisby
Joshua Douglas
Branden Reiners
Callahan Laird

CARABOSSE ATTENDANTS

Padraic Lum
Ethan Dwyer
Joshua Douglas
Angus O'Connell
Jordan Sawtell

DRAGON

Zacharie Dun
Michael Scott-Kahans ‡
Branden Reiners
Joshua Douglas

FEMALE COURTIERS

Tessa Karle
Lyn Lin
Rose Xu
Ruby Ryburn
Breyah Takitimu
Emma Gavan

MALE COURTIERS

Angus O'Connell
Jake Gisby
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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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