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PRESS RELEASE

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY

**THE ROYAL BALLET'S LANDMARK PRODUCTION CELEBRATES
70 YEARS ON THE COVENT GARDEN STAGE**

Wednesday 21 December 2016 to Tuesday 14 March 2017

Live Cinema Screening on Tuesday 28 February



An iconic production from The Royal Ballet's repertory, *The Sleeping Beauty* reopened the Royal Opera House after the war in February 1946 when the Company first took up residence in Covent Garden with **Margot Fonteyn** dancing the role of Princess Aurora. This 70th anniversary revival features a number of exciting debuts with **Francesca Hayward**, **Yasmine Nagdhi** and **Iana Salenko** dancing the role of Princess Aurora and **Alexander Campbell**, **Matthew Ball**, **Reece Clarke** and **James Hay** debuting in the role of Prince Florimund.

The Sleeping Beauty is regarded as the Company's signature work and after numerous different productions, The Royal Ballet has returned to the inspiration of the original with **Oliver Messel's** magical, luminous designs. **Tchaikovsky's**

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sweeping score makes this ballet one of the most enduring classics of the repertory.

Ends

Generously supported by Mrs Aline Foriel-Destezet, Lindsay and Sarah Tomlinson and The Royal Opera House Endowment Fund.

CASTING

21 Dec / 29 Dec / 3 Jan	Sarah Lamb, Vadim Muntagirov
23 Dec (mat) / 16 Feb	Akane Takada, James Hay*
23 Dec / 30 Dec	Yuhui Choe, Ryoichi Hirano
15 Feb / 23 Feb / 28 Feb	Marianela Nuñez, Vadim Muntagirov
16 Feb (mat) / 20 Feb	Francesca Hayward*, Alexander Campbell*
18 Feb (mat) / 25 Feb (mat)	Yasmine Naghdi*, Matthew Ball*
18 Feb / 22 Feb / 3 Mar	Lauren Cuthbertson, Reece Clarke*
25 Feb / 1 Mar / 4 Mar	Natalia Osipova, Ryoichi Hirano
4 Mar (mat) / 7 Mar / 14 Mar	Iana Salenko*, Steven McRae
10 Mar / 13 Mar	Hikaru Kobayashi, Federico Bonelli

* Role debut

NOTES TO EDITORS

The Sleeping Beauty

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Royal Opera House, London WC2E 9DD

21 December at 7pm / 23 December at 1.30pm and 7pm / 29 and 30 December at 7.15pm / 3 January at 7.15pm / 15 February at 7.15pm / 16 February at 1.30pm and 7pm / 18 February at 1.30pm and 7pm / 20 February at 7.15pm / 22, 23, 28[†] February at 7.15pm / 25 February at 1.30pm and 7pm / 1, 3, 7, 10, 13 and March at 7.15pm / 4 March at 1.30pm and 7pm

[†] **ROH Live Cinema, Tuesday 28 February**

Box Office and information

Tel 0207 304 4000

Tickets £5- £130

www.roh.org.uk

Additional information

<http://www.roh.org.uk/productions/the-sleeping-beauty-by-marius-petipa>

Choreography	Marius Petipa
Additional choreography	Anthony Dowell, Frederick Ashton and Christopher Wheeldon
Production	Monica Mason and Christopher Newton
Music	Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky
Conductor	Valery Ovsyanikov (21 December- 3 January, 3- 14 March) and Koen Kessels (15 February- 1 March)
Original designer	Oliver Messel
Additional designs	Peter Farmer
Lighting design	Mark Jonathan

Image credits from left to right

The Sleeping Beauty. Sarah Lamb as Aurora, Steven McRae as Prince Florimund.
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The Sleeping Beauty. Sarah Lamb as Aurora **in The Sleeping Beauty**.
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