

Ottorino Respighi's *La bella dormiente nel bosco* ('The Sleeping Beauty') was originally commissioned by the renowned puppeteer Vittorio Podrecca. The revised version we hear today preserves much of the kaleidoscopic approach and magnified characters and emotions of that original, now enhanced by the composer's matchless orchestration. This famous story in which the Princess pricks her finger on a spindle and sleeps for centuries until kissed by her Prince is given a magical atmosphere through director Leo Muscato's colourful staging, and the superb cast of this Teatro Lirico di Cagliari production truly inhabits an enchanted realm.

OTTORINO RESPIGHI

(1879-1936)

La bella dormiente nel bosco

('The Sleeping Beauty')

Musical fairy tale in three acts (1922) (revised version, 1934)

Libretto by Gian Bistolfi after the fairy tale by Charles Perrault

La Regina (The Queen)	} VETA PILIPENKO
La Vecchieta (The Old Lady)	
La Rana (The Frog)	
La Principessa (The Princess)	ANGELA NISI
Il Principe Aprile (The Prince April)	ANTONIO GANDIA
Il Re (The King)	} VINCENTO TAORMINA
L'Ambasciatore (The Ambassador)	
La Fata Azzurra (The Blue Fairy)	SHOUSHIK BARSOUMIAN
La Fata Verde (The Green Fairy)	} LARA ROTILI
Il Gatto (The Cat)	
La Duchessa (The Duchess)	
Il Cuculo (The Cuckoo)	} CLAUDIA URRU
Il Fuso (The Spindle)	
L'Uignolo (The Nightingale)	
Mister Dollar	} ENRICO ZARA
Il Buffone (The Jester)	
Un Boscaiolo (A Lumberjack)	NICOLA EBAU
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I quattro Medici (The Four Doctors)	FRANCESCO LEONE
	MARCO PUGGIONI
	ENRICO ZARA

Conductor DONATO RENZETTI

ORCHESTRA E CORO DEL TEATRO LIRICO DI CAGLIARI - Chorus Master GAETANO MASTROIACO

Stage Director LEO MUSCATO

Set Designer GIADA ABIENDI

Costume Designer VERA PIERANTONI GIUA

Lighting Designer ALESSANDRO VERAZZI

Video Designers FABIO MASSIMO IACONE and LUCA ATTILII

Choreographer LUGIA FRATTAROLI

Video Director TIZIANO MANCINI

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