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## Principal Casting Announced for *The Sleeping Beauty*

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November 3, 2009 ... **Karen Kain**, Artistic Director of The National Ballet of Canada, today announced the principal casting for *The Sleeping Beauty*, which opens the company's 2009/10 season on November 13, 2009 at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts.

On opening night, November 13, 2009, Principal Dancer **Heather Ogden** will dance the role of Princess Aurora with Principal Dancer **Guillaume Côté** as Prince Florimund. Principal Dancers **Sonia Rodriguez**, **Xiao Nan Yu**, and **Bridgett Zehr** and First Soloists **Stacey Shiori Minagawa** and **Jillian Vanstone** will dance Princess Aurora in following performances. Principal Dancers **Zdenek Konvalina** and **Piotr Stanczyk** and Guest Artist **Jason Reilly** will perform Prince Florimund.

The National Ballet dedicates the 2009/10 season performances of *The Sleeping Beauty* to **Mona Campbell**. "Mona was a wonderful friend to the National Ballet and her courage, tenacity and brilliant wit will be greatly missed," says Ms. Kain. A friend of the National Ballet since its founding, Mrs. Campbell provided moral support to **Celia Franca** as well as financial support to the evolving company. Over the years, her gifts to the National Ballet have helped support new productions, company artists, the Bold Steps campaign to build The Walter Carsen Centre, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour to Eastern Canada as well as gifts to the Endowment Foundation.

### Principal Casting

Princess Aurora

**Heather Ogden** (November 13, 18 and 21 at 7:30 pm)

**Xiao Nan Yu** (November 14 at 2:00 pm/November 19 at 7:30 pm)

**Sonia Rodriguez** (November 14 and 20 at 7:30 pm/ November 22 at 2:00 pm)

**Bridgett Zehr\*** (November 15 at 1:00 pm)

**Jillian Vanstone\*** (November 19 at 2:00 pm)

**Stacey Shiori Minagawa** (November 21 at 2:00 pm)

Prince Florimund

**Guillaume Côté** (November 13, 18 and 21 at 7:30 pm/ November 15 at 1:00 pm)

**Jason Reilly**<sup>♦</sup> (November 14 at 2:00 pm/ November 19 at 7:30 pm)

**Zdenek Konvalina** (November 14 and 20 at 7:30 pm/ November 22 at 2:00 pm)

**Piotr Stanczyk\*** (November 19 and 21 at 2:00 pm)

King Florestan

**Rex Harrington** (November 13, 14, 18, 19, 20 and 21 at 7:30 pm/ November 14 and 22 at 2:00 pm/ November 15 at 1:00 pm)

**Jonathan Renna** (November 19 and 21 at 2:00 pm)

The Queen

**Sophie Letendre**<sup>+</sup>

Catalubutte, Master of Ceremonies

**Hazaros Surmeyan**<sup>+</sup> (November 13, 14, 20, 21 at 7:30 pm)

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**Tomas Schramek** (November 14 and 22 at 2:00 pm/ November 18 and 19 at 7:30 pm)  
**Kevin D. Bowles** (November 15 at 1:00 pm/ November 19 and 21 at 2:00 pm)

The Lilac Fairy

**Lise-Marie Jourdain** (November 13, 18 and 21 at 7:30 pm/ November 15 at 1:00 pm/  
November 22 at 2:00 pm)

**Tanya Howard** (November 14 and 19 at 2:00 pm/ November 20 at 7:30 pm)

**Stephanie Hutchison** (November 14 and 19 at 7:30 pm/ November 21 at 2:00 pm)

Carabosse, the wicked fairy

**Victoria Bertram** (November 13, 14 and 20 at 7:30 pm/ November 19, 21 and 22 at 2:00  
pm)

**Rebekah Rimsay** (November 14 at 2:00 pm/ November 15 at 1:00 pm/ November 18, 19  
and 21 at 7:30 pm)

Princess Florine

**Sonia Rodriguez** (November 13 and 18 at 7:30 pm)

**Stacey Shiori Minagawa** (November 14 at 2:00 pm/ November 19 at 7:30 pm)

**Jillian Vanstone** (November 14 and 21 at 7:30 pm)

**Elena Lobsanova\*** (November 15 at 1:00 pm/ November 20 at 7:30 pm)

**Tina Pereira\*** (November 19, 21 and 22 at 2:00 pm)

Bluebird

**Keiichi Hirano** (November 13 and 18 at 7:30 pm/ November 22 at 2:00 pm)

**Wei Chen\*** (November 14 at 2:00 pm/ November 19 at 7:30 pm)

**Naoya Ebe\*** (November 14 and 21 at 7:30 pm)

**Etienne Lavigne** (November 15 at 1:00 pm/ November 20 at 7:30 pm)

**Richard Landry** (November 19 and 21 at 2:00 pm)

Pas de Cinq: Diamonds

Diamond Lady

**Bridgett Zehr** (November 13, 18 and 21 at 7:30 pm)

**Stephanie Hutchison** (November 14 and 19 at 2:00 pm)

**Chelsy Meiss\*** (November 14 and 19 at 7:30 pm)

**Stacey Shiori Minagawa** (November 15 at 1:00 pm)

**Rebekah Rimsay** (November 20 at 7:30 pm/ 21 at 2:00 pm)

**Jillian Vanstone** (November 22 at 2:00 pm)

Diamond Man

**Piotr Stanczyk** (November 13 at 7:30 pm/ November 15 at 1:00 pm/ November 22 at 2:00  
pm)

**Etienne Lavigne** (November 14, 19 and 21 at 2:00 pm)

**James Shee\*** (November 14 and 19 at 7:30 pm)

**Brett van Sickle** (November 18, 20 and 21 at 7:30 pm)

\* Debut

✧ Principal Guest Artist

+ Additional Dancer

The Fall Season continues November 25 – 29, 2009 with a mixed programme featuring  
*The Four Temperaments* & *WATCH HER* & *Glass Pieces*

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***The Sleeping Beauty***

Friday, November 13 at 7:30 pm  
Saturday, November 14 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm  
Sunday, November 15 at 1:00 pm  
Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30 pm  
Thursday, November 19 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm  
Friday, November 20 at 7:30 pm  
Saturday, November 21 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm  
Sunday, November 22 at 2:00 pm

**Tickets:**

Prices range from \$20 to \$210.

Discount rates are available for groups of 10 people or more. Rush seats are available on the day of the performance in person at the box office for \$30.

DanceBreak members aged 16 to 29 can purchase \$25 tickets on the day of the performance, depending on availability. Visit [DanceBreak.ca](http://DanceBreak.ca).

**Venue:**

Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, 145 Queen Street West, Toronto.

**Box Office:**

The box office is located at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts (145 Queen Street West) or call 416 (toll free 1 866) 345 9595. Tickets can also be purchased online at [national.ballet.ca](http://national.ballet.ca).

**Website:** [national.ballet.ca](http://national.ballet.ca).

The 2009/10 season is presented by CTV and The Globe and Mail.

*The Sleeping Beauty* is made possible by generous contributions from Margaret & Jim Fleck, The Catherine & Maxwell Meighen Foundation, Sandra & Jim Pitblado, Gretchen Ross and Nancy Pencer & Michael Benjamin.

The National Ballet of Canada dedicates the 2009/10 season performances of *The Sleeping Beauty* to the memory of Mona Campbell.

Performance Sponsors: John and Claudine Bailey through *ONstage* (November 18 at 7:30 pm), KPMG (November 19 at 7:30 pm) and CTV and The Globe and Mail (November 20 at 7:30 pm).

Bridgett Zehr is sponsored through *Dancers First* by Diana Weatherall.

Guillaume Côté is sponsored through *Dancers First* by Emmanuelle Gattuso & Allan Slaight.

Zdenek Konvalina is sponsored through *Dancers First* by Gretchen Ross.

Keiichi Hirano is sponsored through *Dancers First* by an anonymous donor.

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Elena Lobanova is sponsored through *Dancers First* by Sandra Faire & Ivan Fecan.

James Shee is sponsored through *Dancers First* by Mona & Harvey Levenstein.

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