

SLEEPING BEAUTY

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Relaxed Performance
Character Guide

Goodies

Princess Belle Nanny Fanny McWheeze Muddles the Jester
Prince Valliant Azuriel King Cuthbert Queen Hyacinth



Baddies

Carabosse Grumbleweed



Princess Belle

(Sleeping Beauty)

Princess Belle is a beautiful, kind princess. She lives in a big palace with her parents and the palace staff, including Nanny Fanny McWheeze and Muddles the Jester.

During the show we see her grow up. At the beginning she is a tiny baby. We then meet her again on her 18th birthday.

Unfortunately, Belle is cursed to prick her finger on a spinning wheel on her 18th birthday. When this happens she will sleep for 100 years, only being awoken by Love's kiss.

She is in love with her childhood friend, Prince Valliant - can he save her from her slumber?



Nanny Fanny McWheeze

Nanny Fanny McWheeze works in the palace as Belle's nanny. She looked after Belle while she grew up and cares for her deeply.

She has an 'Och eye' machine named Hamish, who helps her with different tasks, from time travelling to cake decorating.

Nanny McWheeze wears lots of amazing, colourful costumes and wigs in the show.



Muddles the Jester

Muddles is the palace Jester. This means his job is to make everyone laugh. He does this very well because he is quite silly!

Muddles likes to have fun and make lots of jokes with children and adults in the audience.



Prince Valliant

Prince Valliant is a courageous and handsome prince. He met Belle when they were nine and it was love at first sight.

Valliant helps Belle be brave when she learns about the curse and wants to help overcome Carabosse's evil powers.

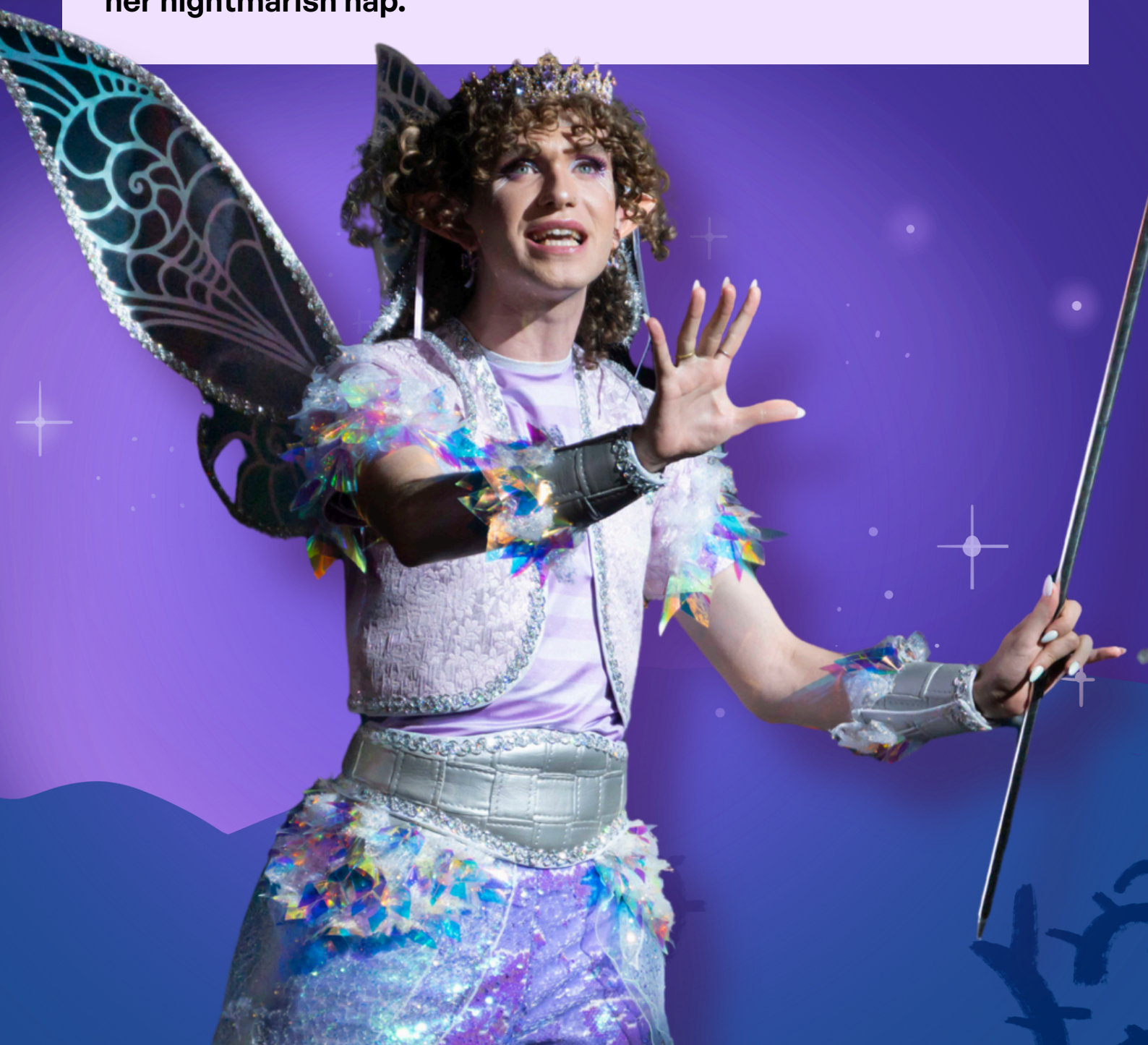


Azuriel

Azuriel is the sparkly, magical leader of the good fairies.

Azuriel is also Carabosse's cousin.

They support Prince Valliant, Muddles and Nanny McWheeze to stop Carabosse succeeding in her evil plans and save Belle from her nightmarish nap.



Carabosse

Carabosse is a very evil, wicked fairy who lives in a gloomy, damp lair.

She is the baddie in our pantomime so people might shout 'boo' when she comes on stage. You can join in with shouting 'boo' but you don't have to.

Carabosse is very angry at the royal family for banishing her from the kingdom and not inviting her to Belle's birthday party.

Carabosse wants to get revenge. It is down to Valliant, Muddles and Nanny McWheeze to stop her and save Belle and the kingdom!



Grumbleweed

Grumbleweed is Carabosse's grumpy sidekick. He helps her carry out all her evil plans. He is very loyal to her.

Grumbleweed is a gnome. All he really wants is some peace and quiet so he can go fishing.



King Cuthbert

King Cuthbert is Princess Belle's Father. He loves Belle very much and is protective of her. He tries everything he can to stop Carabosse's evil plans.

King Cuthbert rules the kingdom of Harmonia, where all our characters live.



Queen Hyacinth

Queen Hyacinth is Princess Belle's mother. She also rules Harmonia alongside her husband, King Cuthbert.

Hyacinth is brave and tries her best to protect her baby daughter, Princess Belle, who she loves very deeply.

Sadly, she is also placed under Carabosse's curse and dies very near the beginning of our story. Belle never stops missing her.



Ensemble

There are lots of other characters in the show, from palace courtiers to Carabosse's evil sprites!

They are played by a group of people called the Ensemble. The Ensemble are a very important part of the show. They play all the other characters and are very good actors, dancers and singers.



Junior Chorus

The Junior Chorus is made up of local young people who love to dance and act. Some of them attend dance and drama groups in and around Coventry.

There are three different teams of Junior Chorus and they play lots of different characters in the show like good fairies and palace courtiers.

