

The background of the poster features a detailed illustration of a fairytale castle with multiple spires and towers. A yellow butterfly is shown flying on the left side, and a large, leafy tree with a thick trunk is on the right. The overall style is whimsical and colorful.

**De Braam School of
Dance & Theatre Arts**

presents

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A Specially Adapted Ballet
Featuring Des Manahan as The Evil Carabosse

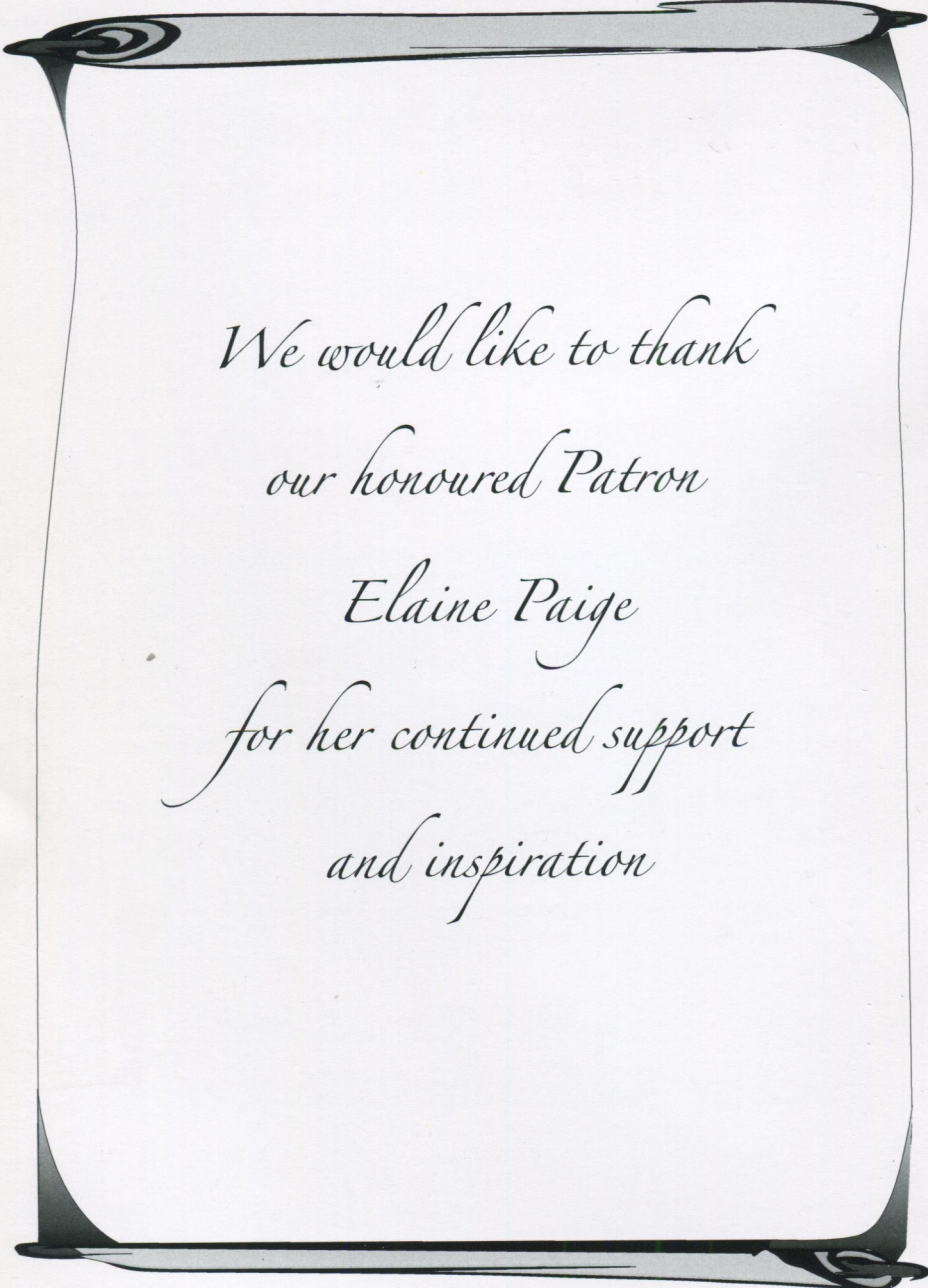
Choreography by Natalie van de Braam

THEATRE ROYAL WATERFORD

Friday 17th February 8p.m.

Saturday 18th February 2.30p.m. and 8p.m.

**PROGRAMME
2006**



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PROLOGUE

The King and Queen are about to celebrate the Christening of their long awaited baby daughter the Princess Aurora.

As the curtain rises to Tchaikovsky's spectacular overture we see the evil fairies, lurking around every corner waiting for the chance to make trouble. Sensing the approach of the good fairies they disappear, returning to their leader, Carabosse, the most evil of them all. The good fairies are waiting outside the palace with the most powerful fairy of all – The Lilac Fairy. As they fly off to summon the Christening Fairies they wake up the sleepy courtiers to begin preparations for the party.

ACT 1

The guests arrive at the Christening with their presents. When the King and Queen with the baby Princess are seated, the Christening Fairies bring their magic good wishes. Finally the Lilac Fairy arrives and just as she is about to bestow her wish on the Princess the whole court senses the approach of a terrible evil. This heralds the arrival of the wicked Fairy Carabosse with her entourage. She is furious because she had been left off the guest list. Nothing will appease her anger and with her evil helpers she weaves a spell. She declares that when the Princess is sixteen she will prick her finger on a spindle and die. The Lilac Fairy, who still has her wish to bestow, says that she will not die but sleep for a hundred years, only to be awoken by a Prince who falls in love with her. As the horrified guests leave, the King decrees that all spindles must be destroyed. Sixteen years pass and everyone has forgotten the evil Carabosse. Princess Aurora and her friends are happily dancing on her birthday when Carabosse, disguised as an old lady, presents her with a bunch of flowers. No one suspects anything until Aurora suddenly pricks her finger and soon starts to feel unwell. She falls to the ground and on inspecting the bunch of flowers they find a spindle. Carabosse is triumphant. The Lilac Fairy returns to fulfill her promise and as everyone falls asleep with the Princess a magic forest grows up all around the palace to protect them for a hundred years.

INTERVAL OF 15 MINUTES

ACT 2

One hundred years have passed and a handsome Prince is hunting in the forest with some friends. He is left alone and senses magic in the air with the approach of a group of Woodland Sprites and then the Lilac Fairy, who leads him to the Princess. As the forest disappears and he sets eyes on Aurora lying asleep in the palace, he falls instantly in love with her, thus breaking the spell with a kiss. When the whole palace awakes they all rejoice to be reunited once more and the Prince asks the King and Queen for Aurora's hand in marriage. Nursery Rhyme and Fairy Tale characters from all over the world come to celebrate the forthcoming wedding and of course, as in all good fairy tales, they all live happily ever after!

CAST

Lilac Fairy	Siobhan Ryan
Princess Aurora	Deirdre Kelly
Carabosse	Des Manahan
Prince	Conor Lyons
Queen	Geraldine Guiry
King	Nick Bankes
Courtiers	Connor Grant, Alexis Maddock
Nurse Maids	Portia van de Braam, Rachael Shearer
Page	Sylvia Warren

Christening Fairies:

Autumn Fairy	Saiorse O'Toole
Springtime Fairy	Ellen Kinsella
Fairy of the Summer Flowers	Sophie Hutchinson
Fairy of the Songbirds	Deirdre Kelly
Moonlight Fairy	Ruth Kelleher
Fairy of the Crystal Fountain	Natasha Corballis
Fairy of the Golden Vine	Sarah Mullane
Fairy of the Woodland Glade	Dearbhail Kennedy

Hunting Party: Emma Dunne, Rachael Keating, Margaret Grace, Harriet Howley, Emily Whittle, Grainne Ni Chuinn, Freda Quinlan, Katelyn Cassidy, Georgina O'Brien.

Christening Guests: Aisling Roche, Sheridan Brady, JerriAnn Murphy, Eimear Mullane, Ciara Roche, Pamela Flynn, Liz Roles, Doirreann Chapman, Emilia Wright, Katie Honan, Eve Grant, Aisling O'Donohue, Aisling Brennan, Robyn Archer, Kate Fitzgerald.

Aurora's Friends: Aisling Finnegan, Lucy Walsh, Aoife Doyle, Maire McGrath, Ashley Egan, Aisling Brennan, Grainne Moher, Alison Grey, Ruth Breen, Jean-Ann Mulligan, Ciara Giles-Doran, Karen Pettit, Emma Pettit, Aisling Kennedy.

Nursery Rhymes:

Bo Peep	Cliona Purcell
Little Miss Muffett	Laura Harvey-Graham
Mary had a Little Lamb	Niamh Sanders
Mary Mary Quite Contrary	Becky O'Brien
Jack and Jill	Shannon Keever, Emily McDonald
Three Little Kittens	Miriam Harvey-Graham, Freya Little, Charlotte Hackett
Mother Cat	Sarah Brennan
Gingerbread Man and the Cook	April Hackett, Keever Phillips
Hansel and Gretel	Sarah Keating, Heather Ryan

Good Fairies: Lauren Cardiff, Sophie Lee, Ann Power, Sinead Kindlon, Claire Beardsley, Rebecca Hokey, Aoife Stockdale, Aoife Lawlor, Rebecca McCarthy-Kent.

Bad Fairies: Emer Finnegan, Kelsey Cunningham, Mark Laherty, Rebekah Mullane, Carrie Mullane, Sinead Doyle, Hannah Murray, Jane Murray, Sarah Murray, Jane Mulhall, Megan Sinnott, Georgia Tuohy, Amanda Jane O'Grady Kennedy, Siofra Adams, Holly Kelly.

Woodland Sprites: Muirreann Lyng, Shannon Prendergast, Eva Flanagan, Niamh Crowley, Denise Davin, Sarah McTiernan, Leanne O'Hara, Laiose McGrath, Sylvia Warren, Anna Gallwey, Niamh Giles-Doran, Kerry McEnery, Saiorse McEreavy.

Fairy Tale Characters:

Cinderella

Goldilocks

Three Bears

Aladdin

Princess

Genie

Jewels

Snow White

Wicked Queen

Ugly Sisters

Puss in Boots

White Cat

Bluebird

Red Riding Hood

The Wolf

Natasha Corballis

Aisling Brennan

Maire McGrath, Aisling Brennan, Aoife Doyle

Margaret Grace

Harriet Howley

Rachael Keating

Aisling O'Donohue, Emily Whittle,

Emma Dunne, Robyn Archer

Eve Grant

Katelyn Cassidy

Connor Grant, Pamela Flynn

Aisling Roche

Ciara Roche

Portia van de Braam

Kate Fitzgerald

Grainne Ni Chuinn.



PRODUCTION

Choreographer & Designer	Natalie van de Braam
Lighting Design	Paul Brown
Scenic Artist	Bernie Laherty
Stage Manager	Brian 'Juckie' Collins
Costumes	Natalie van de Braam, Jackie Beardsley, Rosie Joyce, Nomac.
Posters/Programmes	Graphic Image
Continuity	Miriam Long

Carabosse's wig by **Phyllis Lee**. Dressed by **Mary Coppinger**. Christening Fairy costumes trimmed by **Eithne O'Toole**. Props Supervised by **Mary Doherty**.

A Professional Video/DVD of this ballet will be available from Crystal Video, Mooncoin. Please call John or Anna Marks for orders on 051 895490

The de Braam School of Dance and Theatre Arts would like to thank the following for their help with this production of SLEEPING BEAUTY:

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PAST PRODUCTIONS

- 'COPPELIA' – Theatre Royal – 1999
- 'THE FIREBIRD' – Garter Lane Arts Centre – 2000
- 'LA FILLE MAL GARDEE' – Garter Lane Arts Centre – 2001
- Winner of a WLR FM Arts & Entertainment Award.
- 'SWAN LAKE' – The Forum – 2002
- 'THE NUTCRACKER' – Theatre Royal – 2003
- 'BUGSY MALONE' – The Forum – 2005

THE DE BRAAM SCHOOL OF DANCE & THEATRE ARTS was established in the old Jute factory in 2002 by Natalie van de Braam and officially opened by its Patron, the First Lady of British Musical Theatre, Elaine Paige O.B.E., in 2003.

Since then it has gone from strength to strength and become a centre for nurturing and training young people in many aspects of the Performing Arts.

The school holds classes throughout the week in Musical Theatre, Drama, Ballet, Jazz, Tap and Hip Hop, attracting students from far and wide to Waterford. The school also provides opportunities for children who are hoping to go on to College and possibly take up a career in the Performing Arts. Principal, Natalie van de Braam, was herself a professional dancer and is a Registered Teacher of the Royal Academy of Dance. The school has an excellent track record in internationally recognised examination results.

The studio in Tycor can also be transformed into its own theatre space for 'in house' shows such as Drama, Dance, Musical Theatre and annual Summer School performances.

Every year the de Braam School stages a production in a local Theatre – last year it was the musical 'Bugsy Malone' at the Forum, this year it is the turn of the Ballet classes again, who are delighted to be presenting 'THE SLEEPING BEAUTY'.

Set to Tchaikovsky's beautiful and powerful music it is their own special version and features the wonderful Des Manahan as the evil fairy Carabosse! Des has featured in many of the school's ballets before and it is a great thrill for the students to be working with him again. They also welcome two guests Nick Bankes as King and Geraldine Guiry who plays the Queen. The cast are delighted to be presenting this well loved fairy tale to you – so sit back, relax and enjoy 'THE SLEEPING BEAUTY'!



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