



Saturday, April 13, 2019
2:00 pm | Schuster Center

Sequence of Events

Act I

Prelude—Forest

- It is nighttime in the forest and the creatures are coming out. They hide when a poor couple with a baby comes into the forest. The couple cannot take care of their baby, so they leave her by a tree in hopes that someone will come and save her.
- **Cinereous** the vulture discovers the baby. Thinking the bird will hurt the baby, a hunter injures **Cinereous**. The hunter takes the baby back to his home to raise as his own child. **Cinereous** is very hurt and angry, so he follows the hunter.

Scene 1—Garden

- **The Flower Fairies** have fun in the garden while **Mother** tends her flowers. The hunter shows the baby to his wife. The hunter becomes her **Father** and his wife becomes her **Mother**. They name the baby **Briar Rose**.
- **The Fairies** each give the baby a gift. **Iris** gives the baby the gift of *serenity*, **Calla Lilly** gives her *beauty*, **Cosmos** and **Sweet Pea** give her *harmony* and *humor*. **Lilac** is about to give **Briar Rose** her gift, when the vulture **Cinereous** appears. He curses the baby and says on her 16th birthday she will receive a gift that causes her to die.
- **Lilac** assures the parents not to worry and she gives **Briar Rose** the gift of first love. She says that **Briar Rose** will not die but will fall into a deep sleep only to wake at first love's kiss.

Scene 2—Garden, 15 Years Later

- Fifteen years have passed and 15-year-old **Briar Rose** is with **Mother** and her friends in the garden. Father introduces his helper, **Arden** to them. **Briar Rose** and **Arden** exchange a special look.

Scene 3—Forest

- **Father** and **Arden** look for wood to chop while **Cinereous** secretly watches. **Cinereous** leaves a golden seed bag that **Arden** finds, but he does not know that the seeds are poisonous.
- **Arden** plants the seeds in a pot. He hopes they will grow so he can give the beautiful flower to **Briar Rose** on her birthday.

15-Minute Intermission

Act II

Scene 4 – Garden

- The garden is decorated for **Briar Rose's** 16th birthday. Many guests come to celebrate.
- **Arden** gives **Briar Rose** the flower that he grew for her. She loves the flower, but when she smells it she falls to the ground.
- **Cinereous** appears and is very happy that his plan worked. He wanted to punish **Father** for injuring him 16 years ago. **Cinereous** takes **Briar Rose** back to the forest.
- **Lilac** reminds everyone that **Briar Rose** is not dead, but that she will sleep until first love's kiss wakes her. **The Fairies** and **Arden** go to the forest to rescue **Briar Rose**.

Scene 5 - Forest

- **The Fairies** and **Arden** see **Cinereous** and his friends surrounding **Briar Rose**. The **Fairies** distract **Cinereous** while **Arden** rescues **Briar Rose**. The **Fairies** tangle **Cinereous** in ivy and they all run away from the forest.

Scene 6 – Garden

- **Arden** lays **Briar Rose** in the soft grass and the **Fairies** surround them. **Arden** asks **Lilac** to wake her, but **Lilac** says she cannot.
- **Arden** is upset that he will never see **Briar Rose** again, so he kisses her and walks away.
- **Briar Rose** begins to wake up. **Cosmos** and **Sweet Pea** notice that **Briar Rose** is waking up and pull **Arden** back to her.
- Everyone is so excited that first love's kiss saved **Briar Rose** from **Cinereous's** curse! **Arden** and **Briar Rose** live happily ever after.

Curtain Call

- The curtain comes back up (Applause!).
- The performers take a bow (Clapping continues!).

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