



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** celebrate the new family when **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 love's first kiss.

Scene 2—Garden, 15 Years Later

- Time passes and **Briar Rose** grows. 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 flowers for **Arden** to find, but he does not know that the flowers are poisonous.
- **Arden** plants the flowers in a pot. He hopes they will grow into a bouquet that he can give 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.
- **Cinereous** arrives at the party in a disguise and urges **Arden** to give **Briar Rose** the flowers. She loves the flowers, but pricks her finger on the thorn and falls to the ground.
- **Cinereous** reveals himself 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 love's first kiss wakes her. **Lilac** sends the other **Fairies** and **Arden** into the forest to rescue **Briar Rose**.

Scene 5 - Forest

- **Arden** and the **Fairies** fight with **Cinereous**. **Arden** rescues **Briar Rose** while the **Fairies** tangle **Cinereous** in ivy. They all run away from the forest.

Scene 6 – Garden

- **Arden** carries **Briar Rose** back to the garden. **Arden** asks **Lilac** to wake her, but **Lilac** says she cannot. **Arden** is upset that he will never see **Briar Rose** again, so he walks away.
- **Lilac** reminds them that **Briar Rose** will wake with love's first kiss. The **Fairies** kiss her to try to wake her, but only when **Arden** kisses her does **Briar Rose** begin to wake up.
- Everyone celebrates that love's first 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!).The performers take a bow (Clapping continues!).

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