

## Fire Bird Story and Casting

Stravinsky's ballet centers on the journey of its hero, Prince Ivan and the magical Gray Wolf who leads him on his journey.. Ivan enters the magical realm of [Kashchei the Immortal](#).. While wandering in the gardens, he sees and chases the Firebird. The Firebird, once caught by Ivan, begs for its life and ultimately agrees to assist Ivan in exchange for eventual freedom.

Next, Prince Ivan sees the princesses, with one of whom he falls in love. Ivan chooses to confront Kashchei to ask to marry one of the princesses; the two talk and eventually begin quarreling. When Kashchei sends his magical creatures after Ivan, the Firebird, true to its pledge, intervenes; bewitching the creatures and making them dance an elaborate, energetic dance (the "Infernal Dance"). The creatures and Kashchei then fall asleep; however, Kashchei awakens and is then sent into another dance by the Firebird. While Kashchei is bewitched by the Firebird she tells Ivan the secret to Kashchei's immortality and Ivan destroys it killing Kashchei. With Kashchei gone and his magic broken, the magical creatures and the palace all disappear, and all of the "real" beings (including the princesses) awaken and, with one final fleeting appearance from the Firebird, celebrate their victory.

The Fire Bird – Nicole Gricius  
Helena the lead Princess – Becky Erickson  
The Nightingale – Karyn Hansen  
The Grey Wolf – Johanna Schaub  
Demoness – Hanna Corcoran  
Ivan – Luke Anderson  
Kashchei the Immortal - Stephanie White

Emperors Ogres = boys  
Siberian Warriors = Steve and Alex and Neal Limb and Mathew  
Babushka Dolls = girls

Imperial Garden Demons :

Emma  
Evin  
McKenna  
Madison  
Rachel  
Hannah O.  
Kelly  
Amy

Princess'es:

Karyn  
Ashley  
Justine  
Cassidy  
MerriLynn  
Shelby  
Samantha  
Natalie  
Emarie  
Aniko

Dervish Dolls:

Sadie Hughes  
Kimberly McGuire