

CLEVELAND BALLET

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**CLEVELAND BALLET ELEVATES ITS REPERTOIRE WITH NEW, OPULENT
*SLEEPING BEAUTY***

CLEVELAND – Cleveland Ballet will debut *Sleeping Beauty* for their final performance of the 2023-2024 season at Playhouse Square’s Connor Palace this April 25 – 27. Under the artistic direction of Timour Bourtasenkov, Cleveland Ballet promises a fresh interpretation of the beloved ballet with a more lavish level of production quality.

With captivating choreography, exquisite costumes, and a timeless score by famed composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, this classic fairytale will transport audiences to a world of magic and romance. The choreography is from Carolina Ballet’s renowned Founding Artistic Director Robert Weiss (based on Marius Petipa’s choreography). For Bourtasenkov, this production is especially sentimental as he was first cast by Weiss to perform the Prince’s role in Carolina Ballet’s premier of the production in 2008.

“*Sleeping Beauty* is considered one of the most technically challenging of classical ballets. Cleveland audiences will see a new iteration of Cleveland Ballet with dances that test the technical and acting skills of our company,” said Bourtasenkov. “In addition to the choreography, we are elevating the entire production with opulent sets and costumes.”

The vibrant and intricate costume design is by David Heuvel from Ballet West and the elaborate scenery design is by Jeff A.R. Jones.

The cast is comprised of world-class Cleveland Ballet artists and students from the Academy of Cleveland Ballet. The roles of Princess Aurora and the Prince will be performed by Svetlana Svinko with Narek Martirosyan (4/26, 7 p.m. & 4/27, 7 p.m.) and Gabriella Checo with Lorenzo Pontiggia (4/26, 1 p.m.). To view the full cast list and read the performance synopsis, please visit clevelandballet.org/sleeping-beauty.

Sleeping Beauty tells the story based on the works by Charles Perrault and The Brothers Grimm of Princess Aurora, cursed to a 100-year slumber by the wicked fairy Carabosse, and the courageous Prince who awakens her with true love’s kiss.

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In addition to its regularly scheduled performances, Cleveland Ballet is offering a student matinee and Pay What You Can performance opportunity to attend the final dress rehearsal on Thursday, April 25 at 10:00 AM.

Tickets starting at \$28 for *Sleeping Beauty* are now on sale. To purchase tickets and see a listing of special events taking place at each show, please visit: clevelandballet.org/sleeping-beauty or call Cleveland Ballet ticketing at 216.320.9000 ext. 107.

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ABOUT CLEVELAND BALLET: The exquisite artistry of Cleveland Ballet has been capturing the hearts of patrons in Northeast Ohio and beyond since 2015. Cleveland Ballet is indebted to its legions of supporters who have secured its position as a cultural gem with critical acclaim and continued patronage. Recognized for its commitment to innovation, diversity, and creativity, Cleveland Ballet is dedicated to nurturing the next generation of ballet enthusiasts through the Academy of Cleveland Ballet, its robust outreach program, and accessible programs such as Pay What You Can. Cleveland Ballet is proud to be among the prestigious ranks of a Playhouse Square resident company.

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PHOTO RELEASE:



Princess Aurora and the Prince; wedding scene.

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The fairies perform at Princess Aurora and the Prince's wedding.
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The wicked fairy Carabosse and her dragon
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