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State Ballet Theatre of Russia to bring ‘Sleeping Beauty’ to Huntington

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Leap into the New Year with the State Ballet Theatre of Russia's production of Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty" at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23.

The company, based in the city of Ufa, hometown of legendary ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev, is returning to grace the Keith-Albee with their ravishing performance of "Sleeping Beauty." Featuring enamoring sets and costumes along with breath-taking authentic Russian choreography by the legendary Yuri Grigorovich, State Ballet Theatre's production of "Sleeping Beauty" is an enthralling sight to behold. With every grand jeté and chasse, the company of 60 of Russia's finest dancers will leave you mesmerized.

Revered composer Pyotr Ilvich Tchaikovsky completed the score for his second ballet, "Sleeping Beauty," in 1889. Tchaikovsky composed three ballets, the very first being "Swan Lake" in 1876. Tchaikovsky was commissioned by the director of Russia's Imperial Theatre to create the score for his third ballet, "The Nutcracker."

Tchaikovsky based "Sleeping Beauty" on the Brothers Grimm's version of Charles Perrault's "La Belle au bois dormant." On Jan. 15, 1890, "Sleeping Beauty" premiered at the Marinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg complete with choreography by Marius Petipa. Over a century later, the ballet remains one of the world's most beloved works.

Tickets to "Sleeping Beauty" are \$91.32/76.04/65.13/54.21. To see this spellbinding performance on the Keith-Albee stage, contact the Marshall Artists Series Box Office at 304-696-6656, or order tickets online at Ticketmaster.com. You may also visit our box office located in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse on Marshall University's Huntington campus. Box office hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m.

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