

SACRAMENTO BALLET AWAKENS A MASTERPIECE WITH FRESH TAKE ON SLEEPING BEAUTY

A grand classical production set to Tchaikovsky's iconic score, performed live by Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera

WHAT:

Sacramento Ballet presents a **lavish production of *Sleeping Beauty***, one of the most revered masterpieces in classical ballet, **February 13–15, 2026**, at the SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center. Choreographed and staged by Sacramento Ballet Rehearsal Directors **Elise Elliott and Stefan Calka**, this new production honors the grandeur of ballet's golden age while bringing renewed vitality to its timeless story of fate, magic, and love.

Set to **Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's iconic score**, performed live at every performance by the **Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera**, *Sleeping Beauty* showcases the full splendor of classical ballet; from the technical brilliance of Aurora's legendary Rose Adagio to the sweeping spectacle of fairy-tale storytelling. Featuring Sacramento Ballet's roster of **international professional dancers**, alongside artists from the Second Company and School of Sacramento Ballet, this production affirms the company's place on the world stage, right here in the California Capital.

WHEN:

- **Thursday, February 13** at 7:30 PM
- **Friday, February 14** at 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM
- **Saturday, February 15** at 2:00 PM

WHERE:

SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center
1301 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Tickets and details:

www.sacballet.org

WHO:

First premiered in 1890 at the Imperial Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg, *The Sleeping Beauty* has long stood as the crown jewel of classical ballet: a synthesis of music, movement, and design that continues to define the art form. Sacramento Ballet's new staging — shaped to highlight their dancers' technical mastery, expressive depth, and artistic individuality — is sure to delight and enchant seasoned arts lovers, as well as audience members just experiencing a live ballet performance for the very first time.

"We are so excited to present a fresh take on Sleeping Beauty for Sacramento Ballet," said **Elise Elliott**, Rehearsal Director. *"Stefan and I have loved delving into this ballet together and curating a production that shows Sacramento audiences just how extraordinary our dancers and production team truly are."*

"Sleeping Beauty represents the pinnacle of classical storytelling," added **Stefan Calka**, Rehearsal Director. *"It demands not only technical virtuosity, but a deep commitment to artistry and narrative. This production is tailored to our roster of world-class artists and invites them to stretch their imaginations to bring these iconic characters vividly to life."*

Audiences can expect a dazzling cast of characters, from the radiant Aurora and noble Prince Désiré to the benevolent Lilac Fairy and the formidable Carabosse, alongside whimsical storybook figures such as Puss-in-Boots, Little Red Riding Hood, and the Bluebird. With sumptuous staging, sweeping ensemble scenes, and moments of intimate theatrical poetry, *Sleeping Beauty* offers enchantment for audiences of all ages.

WHY THIS MATTERS:

Engaging with world-class performances like *Sleeping Beauty* provides significant cultural and personal value, fostering creativity, empathy, and mental well-being in audiences. On a larger scale, Sacramento Ballet's ability to present such monumental works connects the city to the global dance community, enhancing its cultural vibrancy while contributing to economic growth.

By bringing this visionary production to the California Capital, Sacramento Ballet continues to elevate the region's profile as a hub for artistic excellence — cementing Sacramento's place on the national and international cultural stage and affirming the power of live performance to inspire, transform, and unite.

ABOUT SACRAMENTO BALLET

Since its founding in 1954, Sacramento Ballet has been a beacon of artistic excellence in the California Capital Region, delivering world-class dance performances, education, and community outreach programs. As the only dance company in the region with a

roster of professional artists, Sacramento Ballet's mission is to enhance the human condition through dance, making this transformative art form accessible to all.

Through innovative programming and collaborations with internationally renowned artists, Sacramento Ballet remains a vital contributor to Sacramento's thriving cultural landscape. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the company is supported by ticket sales, individual donors, and corporate, foundation, and government contributions — enabling it to inspire audiences through unparalleled performances and impactful educational initiatives.

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