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State Theatre New Jersey presents

The Sleeping Beauty
Russian National Ballet Theatre
Saturday, March 4, 2017, 2pm & 8pm / $35-$70
Ticket Office: 732-246-SHOW (7469)

New Brunswick, NJ (February 6, 2017)—State Theatre New Jersey presents The Sleeping Beauty featuring the Russian National Ballet Theatre on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 2pm and 8pm. Tickets range from $35-$70.

Featuring the Russian National Ballet Theatre and performed to a score composed by Tchaikovsky, The Sleeping Beauty has become one of the most illustrious classical ballets of all time. Led by Artistic Director and former Bolshoi principal dancer Elena Radchenko, The Sleeping Beauty is the magical fairy tale of the beautiful, sleeping Princess Aurora who awaits the kiss of her prince.

The Russian National Ballet Theatre was founded in Moscow during the transitional period of Perestroika in the late 1980s, when many of the great dancers and choreographers of the Soviet Union’s ballet institutions were exercising their new-found creative freedom by starting new, vibrant companies dedicated not only to the timeless tradition of classical Russian Ballet but to invigorate this tradition as the Russians began to accept new developments in the dance from around the world.

The company, then titled the Soviet National Ballet, was founded by and incorporated graduates from the great Russian choreographic schools of Moscow, St. Petersburg and Perm. The principal dancers of the company came from the upper ranks of the great ballet companies and academies of Russia, and the companies of Riga, Kiev and even Warsaw. Today, the Russian National Ballet Theatre is its own institution, with over 50 dancers of singular instruction and vast experience, many of whom have been with the company since its inception. In addition to their extensive tour history, beginning in January 2017 the company will embark upon a four-month coast-to-coast tour of the United States.

In 1994, the legendary Bolshoi principal dancer Elena Radchenko was selected by Presidential decree to assume the first permanent artistic directorship of the company. Radchenko is the founder of the Russian National Ballet Theatre, and she has focused the Company on upholding the grand national tradition of the major Russian ballet works and developing new talents throughout Russia, with a repertory of virtually all of the great full works of Petipa: Don Quixote, La Bayadere, The Sleeping
Beauty, Swan Lake, Raymonda, Paquita, Coppelia and La Sylphide, as well as productions of, among others, The Nutcracker, Sylvia, and La Fille Mal Gardee.

The State Theatre New Jersey Family Series is sponsored Lead Sponsor Investors Bank.

For tickets or more information, call the State Theatre New Jersey Ticket Office at 732-246-SHOW (7469), or visit us online at StateTheatreNJ.org. The State Theatre New Jersey Ticket Office, located at 15 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick NJ, is open Monday through Friday from 10am to 6pm; Saturday from 1pm to 5pm; and at least three hours prior to curtain on performance dates unless otherwise specified. For information on group outings and discounts, call 732-247-7200, ext. 536. Some additional ticket and transaction fees may apply.

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