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NEW Dates for “Sleeping Beauty”

August 21st and August 22nd at The Sandler

Norfolk, VA – April 10, 2020 – Due to concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19, Ballet Virginia has once again rescheduled the performances of *Sleeping Beauty*. The new performance dates are August 21st and August 22nd at The Sandler Center for the Performing Arts in Virginia Beach.

Sleeping Beauty is a time-honored and favorite fairytale of love and hope. This classical ballet will appeal to adults and children with its many offerings of characters, dancing, music, staging and drama. Join the Lilac Fairy as she saves Princess Aurora and her kingdom from the Carabosse’s jealous rage and stay captivated until the “happily ever after”.

The original choreography and staging dates back to the great Russian traditions of the choreographer Marius Petipa. But, with the creativity and artistry of Ballet Virginia’s artistic directors, Suzanne Lownsbury and Janina Michalski, the ballet has been re-staged for the contemporary audience. Additional choreography from Ballet Virginia’s resident choreographer, Lydia Roberts Coco, will add drama and freshness to draw audience members deep into the story.

The company has grown both artistically and technically in its’ inaugural season with performances of *Masquerade*, *The Nutcracker*, *Diversity in Dance* and the upcoming *Sleeping Beauty*. Educational outreach, small venue performances and collaboration with other local arts organizations, such as the Virginia Arts Festival, will add to an exciting first season.

“Thanks to the growth and success of our academy and pre-professional company we are now able to support a professional company. Having a professional company allows us to do more outreach and perform challenging repertoire,” said Suzanne Lownsbury, Ballet Virginia Artistic Director and Choreographer.

“Working with a permanent group of professionals allows our artistic staff to create a look and style that is unique to Hampton Roads,” said Janina Michalski, Ballet Virginia Artistic Director and Choreographer.

Performance times are Friday, August 21st at 7:30 PM and Saturday, August 22nd at 2 PM and 7:30 PM. Tickets are available at the Sandler Center Box Office and online at ynottix.com.

Please visit [Ballet Virginia's website](#) for additional information and the season performance schedule.

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About Ballet Virginia

Ballet Virginia is a professional ballet company with an associated academy. The organization provides professional quality productions, performances and training for the Hampton Roads community. Ballet Virginia upholds the standards for membership standing with the Regional Dance America. The organization also provides opportunities for lighting, set and costume designers as well as choreographers while continuing education and outreach programs for our community-at-large.

The academy draws from a diverse ballet syllabus inspired by the American, Russian, Italian and French schools. This solid technical base ensures added success in other dance genres offered at the Academy. Our professional productions allow selected students and community dancers the opportunity to experience dance as a performance art.

Our Mission

Ballet Virginia is committed to our mission of fostering a lifelong passion for dance through nurturing education, invigorating performances, and artistic excellence. In this capacity, it is our vision to enrich the lives of all Hampton Roads residents through dance. We believe that diversity, equity and inclusion allow for more meaningful experiences, and that dance provides an opportunity to bring people of all backgrounds together to create a community that is richer, stronger and more innovative.