



Ventura County Ballet Company presents: *Sleeping Beauty*

May 22, 2010 - May 23, 2010 Recurring daily



Date: 7:00 p.m. on May 22 and 2:00 p.m. on May 23
Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard
Contact: Ventura County Ballet Company
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Admission: Adults \$9 to \$23, seniors \$15, children \$10. Following each performance, attendees will have the opportunity to meet Sleeping Beauty, Prince Desire'.
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International cast shines spotlight on classic Russian ballet with Ventura County Ballet Company's production of *Sleeping Beauty*, May 22-23 - More than 100 cast members to present 120-year old *Sleeping Beauty* Ballet.

Featuring an international ensemble of more than 100, including a cast from around the world, the classic fairytale is brought to life

through a metamorphosis of talent representing the best in classic techniques to convey the Russian tale through thoughtful execution and choreography.

Fliagina, who danced professionally in her home country of Russia for more than 30 years, says her version of the ballet is comparable to *The Nutcracker* at one and one-half hours and is filled with prime jewels from the original production. All of the traditional movements that make this particular ballet a classic have been retained, including such famous movements as the Rose Adagio and pas du deux with Aurora and Prince Desire' and the pas du deux with Princess Florina and the Blue Bird. Fliagina's choreographic adaptation of the ballet won a 2005 Telly Award for Best Videography in a Live Performance in Production. This is the same production that will be presented May 22-23 at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center.

The spectacular cast includes Victoria Luchkina from Kazakhstan as Princess Aurora, Jose Gonzalez from Columbia as Prince Desire', and Enton Hoxha from Albania in multiple roles. American John Christopher Piel will fill various key roles as will Bruce King, a classic ballet dancer who has performed on stages throughout France and Europe. Students from Ventura County Ballet Company and Ballet Academy Ventura make up the remaining cast. Local celebrities Bo Jaxon of B951 radio, arts patron and founder Sandra Laby and others also will take to the stage in supporting roles.

PHOTO CUTLINE: *Silvia Rotaru as Princess Aurora and the four cavaliers present the Rose Adagio movement in the Ventura County Ballet Company's 2005 production of Sleeping Beauty*

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