

2022 - 2023 Student Matinee Series

The
**Sleeping
 Beauty**
 WITH THE
 PBT ORCHESTRA

Artists: JoAnna Schmidt & Lucius Kirst Photo by Duane Rieder



Dear Parents:

We welcome your student to Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre's Student Matinee of *The Sleeping Beauty*!

We are proud to present a performance of this classic tale for a student audience.

Who: Suggested for grades 2-12

Where: Benedum Center for the Performing Arts, Pittsburgh

When: Friday, May 19, 2023

Time: 12:00 pm (noon)

We believe that ballet and all of the arts are invaluable educational experiences for young people to learn about art, themselves, and their world.

We appreciate that your school goes the extra mile to introduce its students to the arts.

Fun Facts about *The Sleeping Beauty*:

- Just two years after it premiered in 1890, the ballet had been performed over 50 times!
- The ballet was based on a Sleeping Beauty story from Charles Perrault's *Tales from Mother Goose*, published in 1697.
- As Marius Petipa, the original choreographer, planned the dances, he listened to the music and moved little papier-mâché figurines around on a table to help him visualize the movements.

Ballet is a multi-faceted art form, so there is plenty for students to experience:

- A professional production with our world-class, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre artists
- Visiting the beautiful Benedum Center, the "jewel in the crown" of Pittsburgh's Cultural District
- Seeing elaborate sets, colorful costumes, wigs/makeup, and dramatic lighting
- Live Music! We are fortunate to be able to present *The Sleeping Beauty* with a live orchestra. Tchaikovsky's expressive score is brought to life by the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre Orchestra.
- Please visit our website for to see our Teacher Resource Guide for the ballet.
www.pbt.org/teacher-resource-guides

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