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NEW ADVENTURES ANNOUNCES THE RETURN OF MATTHEW

BOURNE'S GOTHIC ROMANCE

"SLEEPING BEAUTY"

10th ANNIVERSARY PRODUCTION OPENING ON 12 NOVEMBER 2022 AT THE THEATRE ROYAL PLYMOUTH

WITH A SEVEN WEEK CHRISTMAS SEASON AT SADLER'S WELLS FROM 29 NOVEMBER 2022

DEVISED, DIRECTED AND CHOREOGRAPHED BY MATTHEW BOURNE

MUSIC BY TCHAIKOVSKY

New Adventures is delighted to announce the return of Matthew Bourne's gothic romance "SLEEPING BEAUTY".

The UK tour opens at the **Theatre Royal Plymouth** on Saturday 12 November 2022 and runs until 19 November before visiting, **The Lowry, Salford** from 22 November to 26 November; ahead of a seven-week Christmas season at **Sadler's Wells**, **London** from Tuesday 29 November to Sunday 15 January 2023. Further tour dates for 2023 and casting to be announced shortly.

Matthew Bourne's "**SLEEPING BEAUTY**" reawakens in 2022, celebrating 10 years since its premiere at Sadlers Wells, when it became the fastest selling production in the company's history.

Now established as a firm favourite in the New Adventures repertoire, the award-winning "SLEEPING BEAUTY" has enchanted international audiences throughout the UK and across the globe.

Matthew Bourne said today:

"Ten years ago, I fulfilled a long-held ambition to complete the trilogy of Tchaikovsky ballets following my Nutcracker! in 1992 and Swan Lake in 1995. It's no secret that this particular ballet was a daunting task and one that I approached with trepidation. It did, however, turn out to be a richly rewarding experience with the entire creative team on







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glorious form and, in my opinion, it remains one of New Adventures greatest achievements. I look forward to new generations of dancers rising to the varied challenges of this much-loved production and bringing its magic back to audiences throughout the UK"

Enter a wondrous world of magical fairies and vampires, where the timeless tale of good vs evil is turned upside-down, creating a supernatural love story that even the passage of time itself cannot hinder. Will Princess Aurora ever find her true love again?

With an unforgettable score by Tchaikovsky, sumptuous sets and costumes, evocative lighting and masterly storytelling, the beloved fairy tale is brought to life by the uniquely talented New Adventures company. Get ready to be transported in time from the halcyon days of the late Edwardian era through to the modern day in this dazzling gothic romance.

"SLEEPING BEAUTY" is directed and choreographed by Matthew Bourne working with his regular collaborators and New Adventures Associate Artists; Lez Brotherston (Set and Costumes), Paule Constable (Lighting) and Paul Groothuis (Sound Design).

Following the success of their collaboration for Nutcracker! New Adventures are thrilled to be continuing their partnership with **Fortnum & Mason** for Sleeping Beauty.

For more information please visit: <u>www.new-adventures.net</u> <u>Facebook /MBNewAdventures</u> <u>Twitter @New_Adventures</u> <u>Instagram</u> @MBNewAdventures

Tickets for the Theatre Royal Plymouth opening will be on sale soon.

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NEW ADVENTURES

New Adventures is an iconic, ground-breaking British dance-theatre company, famous for telling stories with a unique theatrical twist. Since 1987 New Adventures has changed the popularity of dance in Britain, creating works that have altered the public perception of what is possible when it comes to telling stories without words.

New Adventures has received numerous international awards and an incredible 6 Olivier Awards and 12 Nominations. New Adventures has created 13 full-length productions and a triple-bill of short works. The company tours nationally and internationally, our award-winning repertoire inspiring and thrilling millions of people worldwide.









New Adventures is a charity and its principal funder is Arts Council England. We are passionate about diversifying the dance landscape and investing in the future of dance through delivering inclusive projects for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds alongside development opportunities for emerging artists. We are committed to there being no barriers to our work and deliver a wealth of transformative programmes year-round.

At the start of the pandemic we adapted our approach to creating and staging work, enabling us to reach, inspire and connect in a whole new way. Over 2020/21, New Adventures engaged with 1,060,902 people across the globe through our online activity including workshops, digital streamings and TV broadcasts of our productions. We partnered with 17 countries to showcase our productions digitally. We delivered 117 workshops to 4,522 workshop attendees and supported 60 of our freelance dancers and company members through career development opportunities. We created educational videos to assist with home schooling reaching over 5,000 homes and opened up our company classes online, enabling 600,000 people of all ages and abilities to come together and dance each week.

Theatre Royal Plymouth (TRP) is a registered charity providing art, education and community engagement in Plymouth and across the region. It engages and inspires with the aim of touching lives. Theatre Royal Plymouth presents a year-round programme of world class productions on all scales as the South West's principal centre for performing arts.

Theatre Royal Plymouth works with partners to understand the challenges people face accessing the arts, especially vulnerable and disadvantaged people. It creates pathways that are genuinely accessible to those who might otherwise never get to engage with the arts. They collaborate to co-create and co-author work that represents the community, creating the space needed for people to tell their story in their own way.

Theatre Royal Plymouth is the UK's largest regional producing theatre. With a focus on embracing the vitality of new talent and supporting emerging and established artists. It collaborates with a range of partners to provide dynamic cultural leadership for the city of Plymouth.



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