

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

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MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE AND UMS ADD A FIFTH PERFORMANCE TO THEIR CO-PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE'S *THE SLEEPING BEAUTY*

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March 31 - April 3, 2016 at the Detroit Opera House

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DETROIT, February 11, 2016 – Due to popular demand, Michigan Opera Theatre (MOT) and UMS (University Musical Society) have added a fifth performance, at **2 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2016**, to their co-presentation of American Ballet Theatre's *The Sleeping Beauty* at the Detroit Opera House. Tickets are on sale to the public immediately, and may be purchased at both MOT and UMS tickets offices: Online at michiganopera.org or ums.org, or by phone at (313) 237-7464 or (734) 764-2538.

MOT and UMS, working with their community partners in support of dance education for our region's youth, have established a program to make tickets for this performance available for students and families affiliated with pre-selected community organizations that serve low income populations. Special support for this effort has been made possible by many generous sponsors, including Quicken Loans and Opportunity Detroit, DTE Energy Foundation and MGM Grand Detroit.

Choreographed by Marius Petipa with staging and additional choreography by ABT Resident Choreographer Alexei Ratmansky, this classic story ballet premiered 125 years ago at the Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg. The story is one of the most familiar and enchanting of all fairy tales: the beautiful princess Aurora is cursed by the evil sorceress Carabosse to sleep for 100 years, until she is awakened by the kiss of a handsome prince. It's ballet on the grandest possible scale, with superstar dancers, opulent sets and costumes, and Tchaikovsky's ravishing score performed live by the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra.

American Ballet Theatre has recently released casting information for the Detroit performances; details are available at michiganopera.org or ums.org.

For more information, please visit michiganopera.org or ums.org.

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**Michigan Opera Theatre and UMS present
American Ballet Theatre's
*The Sleeping Beauty***

Thursday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 2 at 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 3 at 2:30 p.m.

at the Detroit Opera House

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About Michigan Opera Theatre

Michigan Opera Theatre (Wayne S. Brown, President and CEO; Dr. David DiChiera, Founder and Artistic Director), one of the nation's most vibrant nonprofit arts organizations, is committed to presenting opera and dance of the highest artistic caliber. Founded in 1971, the company's mission is to serve as a major cultural resource to the state of Michigan and the city of Detroit. Visit the website at www.michiganopera.org.

About UMS

The University Musical Society of the University of Michigan (UMS) was awarded the 2014 National Medal of Arts by President Obama last fall in recognition of its role in bringing world-class orchestras, dance ensembles, jazz and world music performers, and theater companies to Michigan. Now in its 137th season, UMS inspires audiences and enriches communities by connecting audiences and artists in uncommon and engaging experiences. UMS has been led by President Kenneth C. Fischer since June 1987.