

NEWS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN BALLET

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Sugar plums, snowflakes, dreams and spells – The Australian Ballet releases two of its most enchanting stories on CD and DVD with ABC Classics

This **November** The Australian Ballet and ABC Classics are releasing two new recordings: the story and music of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* on CD and The Australian Ballet's performance of David McAllister's *The Sleeping Beauty Live* on DVD. Both will be available for purchase from **The Australian Ballet website**.

The Nutcracker CD has been created for children and includes story narration by the legendary Australian actor, **Geoffrey Rush**, with music performed by **Orchestra Victoria** under the baton of **Nicolette Frailton**. It is the perfect introduction to this charming tale and essential listening as a new take on an ageless classic. It was recorded in The Ballroom, Government House, Melbourne thanks to Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AM, Governor of Victoria. *The Nutcracker* on CD is available for purchase from **4 November**.

ABC Classics DVD of The Australian Ballet's performance of David McAllister's *The Sleeping Beauty*, a sumptuous production of a timeless classic, was filmed live at the State Theatre, Arts Centre Melbourne with music performed by Orchestra Victoria, conducted by Nicolette Frailton.

With lavish sets and costumes by award-winning designer Gabriela Tylesova, this ballet spills over with fairies, princes, nymphs and storybook characters. Set to Tchaikovsky's sublime score, this enchanting production casts a spell of delight all the way to true love's kiss. Recorded by Fremantle Media for Foxtel Arts channel and

cinema release, *The Sleeping Beauty* on DVD will be available for purchase from **17 November**.

Both the CD and DVD are available to buy via australianballet.com.au

CREDITS

David's McAllister's *The Sleeping Beauty*

FEATURING

Princess Aurora	Lana Jones
Prince Désiré	Kevin Jackson
The Lilac Fairy	Amber Scott
Carabosse	Lynette Wills

Artists of The Australian Ballet
Orchestra Victoria

Artistic Director David McAllister AM
Music Director & Chief Conductor Nicolette Frailton
Concertmaster Roger Jonsson
Choreography Marius Petipa
Production and additional choreography David McAllister
Composer Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Costume & Set Designer Gabriela Tylesova
Design Associate Kat Chan
Dramaturge Lucas Jervies
Lighting design Jon Buswell
Director Simon Francis
Audio Director Tony David Cray

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The Nutcracker

The Australian Ballet Creative concept for this recording of
The Nutcracker:
David McAllister AM, Artistic Director and Nicolette Fraillon,
Music Director and Chief Conductor

For Orchestra Victoria
Artistic Director Nicolette Fraillon
General Manager Julie Amos
Concertmaster Roger Jonsson
Concertmaster for this recording Yi Wang

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