

## Sleeping Beauty Wakes Up on the Pheasant Run Mainstage

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**The NFT Youth Ensemble cast of Sleeping Beauty**

The Noble Fool Theatricals Youth Ensemble proudly presents *Sleeping Beauty*, a Disney fairytale that will come alive with the help from a cast of 30 teens and kids from the Western Suburbs.

Patrick Stinson of Plano is directing an NFT Youth Ensemble production for the first time, and has been delighted with the rehearsal process so far. "Being my first show working with Noble Fool and their great educational program, I am extremely impressed. I am impressed with the ability of the students and I am impressed with the professionalism of the company itself," says Stinson.

Disney's classic fairy tale takes place on Princess Aurora's sixteenth birthday, and her three colorful Aunts must use their fairy magic to save her from the spell of an evil sorceress. Disney lovers will enjoy memorable songs from the beloved film including "Once Upon a Dream" as well as added fun songs for new generations to fall in love with!

"*Sleeping Beauty*", or Princess Aurora, will be played by Geneva resident Allison Slattery, who will also be celebrating her sixteenth birthday a day after the show closes. This is the second NFT show for Allison after playing *Lady Larkin* in *Once Upon a Mattress* a year ago, and is happy to be back again this time as the leading lady. She's equally excited about the production team and rehearsal process. "The directing team is great! They make rehearsals fun and have come up with some very cool things for the show. The show is the classic story of *Sleeping Beauty* with some exciting music and dance numbers."

"The show has all the favorites from the movie, but it also has the creativity and hard work of these great kids," adds Stinson. "They sing, dance, and act with the passion of a performer who has been at this for many years. Audiences are in store for fun, excitement, and thrills when they make their way to see *Sleeping Beauty*!"

*Sleeping Beauty* cast members include from St. Charles: Alex Adams, Jessica Blakely, Erika Denker, Amelia Kuhlman, Geneva: Krystina DiCristofano, Maddy Donatelli, Jenny Fuetz, Allison Slattery, Cassidy Van Cleve, Batavia: Katie Bertness, Erika Nickelson, Rebecca Rousseau, Megan Warren, Elgin: Arianna Nutile, West Chicago: Amanda Jackson, Carol Stream: Lily Defino, Audrey Hartnett, Sami Lauf, Kara Witkowski, Warrenville: Rachel Isdale, South Elgin: Ellie Feldsein, Elburn: Rachael Romba, Aurora: Audrey Jonke, Sarah Jonkey, Bartlett: Madeline McCue, Matt McCue, Darien: Page Weaver, La Grange: Kelsey Pettrone, Lake in the Hills: Teagan Sullivan, and West Dundee: Tessa Detman. Director is Plano resident Patrick Stinson, and Musical Director is Ken Jones, resident of Wayne.

*Sleeping Beauty* credits include: music and lyrics by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, George Bruns, Tom Adair, Winston Hibler, Ted Sears, Sammy Fain, Jack Lawrence. Music adapted and arranged, with additional music and lyrics by Bryan Louiselle. Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by Marcy Heisler.

The NFT Youth Ensemble is an exclusive, audition-only program for the best and the brightest young talent. Students are responsible for memorizing lines, music, choreography and learn the craft of theater through the process of preparing for live performances. For more information on upcoming youth opportunities, visit [www.noblefool.org/education](http://www.noblefool.org/education) or call 630-364-0550.

*Sleeping Beauty*, rated G, will be presented Saturdays, November 28, and December 5, 12, and 19 at 10:30 am, Friday December 4 at 10:30 am and Sunday December 13 at 7 pm on the Pheasant Run Resort Mainstage. Tickets are priced at \$15.

Ample free parking and valet services are available at Pheasant Run Resort. The resort and theaters are wheelchair accessible and hearing amplification systems are available. Ask the box office about lunch packages with Pheasant Run Resort's award-winning Harvest Steak & Seafood Restaurant.

Pheasant Run Resort is located at 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL. For tickets, call the Pheasant Run Box Office at 630-584-6342, or visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Additional performance information may be obtained at [www.noblefool.org](http://www.noblefool.org).

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