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***Sleeping Beauty* returns to Center for Puppetry Arts, July 19-31**

Love awakens the senses in National Marionette Theatre's fresh spin on the classic fairy tale

A fantasy story filled with magic and heart, ***Sleeping Beauty*** has captivated the imagination of audiences for generations with its sweet message of love and hope. Using beautifully crafted marionettes and accompanied by the poetic, transcendent music of Tchaikovsky, the award-winning **National Marionette Theatre** returns to the **Center for Puppetry Arts** with its delightful twist on the favorite fairy tale. Unlike the original version, National Marionette Theatre brings the beloved fable of Princess Aurora to life by sharing the prince's point of view.

When Prince Stefan gets word that the evil fairy Belladonna has cast a spell on Princess Aurora, causing her to plunge into a deep sleep for 100 years, he bravely resolves to rescue her and save the kingdom from Belladonna's wrath. As he overcomes steep obstacles like battling a loathsome serpent in order to save her life, audiences of all ages will cheer him on as he fights for Princess Aurora's freedom!

What: ***Sleeping Beauty*, National Marionette Theatre of Erie, Penn.**

For more information on the National Marionette Theatre, please visit nmtshow.com.

When: **July 19-31, 2016**

Tuesday – Friday: 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Where: **Center for Puppetry Arts**

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How: Recommended for ages 4 and up, tickets are **\$10.25 (members)** and **\$20.50 (nonmembers)**. Tickets include admission to the *Worlds of Puppetry* Museum, which features a Global Collection and the Jim Henson Collection, the world's largest and most comprehensive collection of Henson puppets and artifacts, as well as entry to the exclusive Create-A-Puppet Workshop, where patrons can create their own **Wise Owl Marionette** to take home! Create-A-Puppet To-Go kits are also available. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.puppet.org or call 404-873-3391.

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