

Director James Cameron to Broadcast 3D 'Swan Lake' From Russia

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LONDON — "Avatar" director James Cameron and Russian conductor Valery Gergiev will beam the world's first live 3D ballet broadcast to 50 countries from St. Petersburg's Mariinsky Theater in June.

Cinema audiences across Europe, the U.S., South America, Asia, Australia and elsewhere will be able to watch Ekaterina Kondaurova dance the role of Odette/Odile in Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" at the 19th-century opera house on June 6, production company Omniverse Vision said in a statement.

Mariinsky general and artistic director Gergiev took his company on numerous world tours after the collapse of the Soviet Union crimped state funding.

But with Russia now pouring money into the arts and the completion of a \$700 million Mariinsky II extension, Gergiev has said he wants to concentrate on domestic performances.

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