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Disney Meets Sleeping Beauty For Special Kids

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St. Petersburg's Mikhailovsky Theater performs a special version of "The Sleeping Beauty" for special kids. **Mikhailovsky Theater Press Service**

If you and your family are up in St. Petersburg for a pre-holiday weekend getaway, don't miss a special event at the Mikhailovsky Theater on Sunday night.

Children who need special care and support will have a chance to immerse themselves in a world of magic as they watch the fairy-tale ballet "The Sleeping Beauty" performed on stage at the Mikhailovsky Theater. But in this version of the ballet classic, a few familiar Disney characters will make an appearance.

The performance is part of a social program launched by Disney in Russia in 2011 in collaboration with the Mikhailovsky Theater, when 600 young guests from around the country were invited to the premiere of an unusual ballet premiere.

This year, the theater will once again stage "The Sleeping Beauty" for children,

featuring music by Pyotr Tchaikovsky and choreography by Nacho Duato. The renowned Spanish choreographer has retold this magical fairy tale using subtle humor while still retaining the ballet's romantic feel.

The charity project, which is supported by the Russian Presidential Administration, invites disadvantaged children, orphans, and children with disabilities.

Information at www.mikhailovsky.ru.

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