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The Mondavi Center Presents the State Ballet Theatre of Russia in “Cinderella”

Davis, Calif.—The **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, UC Davis**, presents the **State Ballet Theatre of Russia’s “Cinderella”** on **Friday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m.** Featuring the much-loved musical score by **Sergei Prokofiev**, choreography by **Vladimir Vasiliev**, and musical accompaniment by the **Sacramento Philharmonic**, this lavish, unforgettable production brings the timeless fairy tale to life on the **Jackson Hall** stage.

A **Pre-performance Lecture** with **Ruth Rosenberg**, Mondavi Center dance consultant, starts at **7 p.m.** in the **AGR Room** of the **Buehler Alumni and Visitors Center**, adjacent to the Mondavi Center on the UC Davis campus.

“This performance of ‘Cinderella’ presents the rare opportunity to see a fine dance company on tour with live music,” said **Don Roth**, Mondavi Center executive director. “In this case, we’re fortunate to have our own Sacramento Philharmonic performing Prokofiev’s wonderful score.”

Ticket availability is limited. Please contact the Mondavi Center box office at 530-754-ARTS (2787) or 866-754-ARTS (toll-free) for more information.

In a related event, **UC Davis faculty** Della Davidson, Lucy Corin and Brenda Schildgen participate in **“Fables, Fairy Tales and the Arts,”** a **Forum@MC** panel discussion on **Thursday, Jan. 29, at 5 p.m.** in the **Studio Theatre**. As with all Forum@MC events, admission is free.

The **State Ballet Theatre of Russia** is the touring name of the **Voronezh State Theatre of Opera and Ballet**, established in 1961. The company has toured with productions of traditional Russian classics throughout Europe, India and Africa, and made its North American debut tour during the 2006–07 artistic season. “The New York Times,” reviewing the company’s performance of “Cinderella,” called the production “full of enchantment” with “lovely scenery” and “graceful costumes.”

The **Sacramento Philharmonic**, formed in 1997 following the dissolution of the **Sacramento Symphony Orchestra**, has blossomed under the leadership of music director **Michael Morgan**, who joined in 1999. The 69-member ensemble performs its subscription concerts in the **Sacramento Community Center Theatre** and presents Signature Series concerts at various venues around the Sacramento area. While the Sacramento Philharmonic has given several concerts at the Mondavi Center, the “Cinderella” event marks the orchestra’s first performance presented by the Mondavi Center, as well as its first with a ballet company.

- **State Ballet Theatre of Russia: “Cinderella”**
- **Friday, Feb. 6, 8 p.m.**
- **Mondavi Center, Jackson Hall**
- **9399 Old Davis Road, Davis, CA 95616 (GPS)**
- **\$55/45/35 regular; \$\$27.50/22.50/17.50 students, children**
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