

QueenslandBallet

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Cuban dancer brings even more star power to *The Sleeping Beauty*

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Queensland Ballet continues to bring international dance stars to audiences with the announcement of another celebrated Cuban dancer joining the Company for its October season of *The Sleeping Beauty*.

Queensland Ballet Artistic Director Li Cunxin said Victor Estévez will join Queensland Ballet from Ballet Nacional de Cuba for select performances of *The Sleeping Beauty* when the season opens on 23 October at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC).

"We're very pleased that Victor is joining us for this staging of Greg Horsman's *The Sleeping Beauty* and we're looking forward to what he will bring to the production," Mr Li said.

"Victor has performed widely throughout the Americas, Europe and Asia, however this will be his first performance in Australia.

"His repertoire includes romantic-classical soloist roles in ballets such as *The Nutcracker*, *Giselle*, *Don Quixote* and *Pacquita* as well as extensive contemporary work including Balanchine's *Chaikovsky pas de deux* and Educardo Blanco's *Tiempo de danzón* and *Accents*."

Victor joins Romanian ballet dancer Alina Cojocaru, who will guest with Queensland Ballet from English National Ballet for this season also.

“It says much about the high standard of Queensland Ballet and our international reputation that we continue to attract these international ballet stars to work with our dancers and Company,” Mr Li said.

“There is much anticipation for this season of *The Sleeping Beauty* and we look forward to welcoming audiences to the ballet in QPAC’s Lyric Theatre with a bigger stage than what we usually perform on enabling us to bring this ballet in all its glory.”



Set to Tchaikovsky’s famous music, *The Sleeping Beauty* is a classical ballet masterpiece. With majestic sets and Renaissance-inspired costumes, Greg Horsman’s production honours tradition and sparkles with spectacular choreography and a cast of fanciful Characters.

The Sleeping Beauty opens on 23 October until 31 October with tickets available through www.qtix.com.au

Queensland Ballet acknowledges the important support of the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, which has enabled the performances of both Victor Estévez and Alina Cojocaru.



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