Precious Little Sleep - an evening with a dance legend

Master showman and dance legend, Wayne Sleep, brings a stunning performance to the Stanley and Audrey Burton Theatre at Northern Ballet for two performances only on Sunday 19 June (2pm and 7pm).

The performances feature two of Northern Ballet's former principal dancers, Keiko Amemori and David Paul Kierce, in an eclectic mix of energetic dance routines from Sleep's most acclaimed repertoire spanning three decades.

Video, photo montage and live dance highlights from Sleep's ballet, television and show business successes are accompanied by Sleep narrating in his inimitably informal and humorous style.

Wayne Sleep has enjoyed an illustrious career - from a routine with Diana Princess of Wales in a Royal Opera House gala in 1985, to numerous stage appearances including: Cats, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Cabaret, Song and Dance. He has been in movies including Elizabeth 1, The First Great Train Robbery and The Tales of Beatrix Potter and his television appearances include Strictly Dance Fever and Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway as well as being the subject of This is Your Life and The South Bank Show. His books include Variations on Wayne Sleep and his autobiography Precious Little Sleep.

Appointed an OBE in 1998, Wayne is Patron of the British Ballet Organisation and Vice President of the Royal Academy of Dance. He has two entries in the Guinness Book of Records, one for performing an entrechat-douze - a jump with twelve beats of the feet - a record which remains unbeaten. His charity, The Wayne Sleep Foundation, helps aspiring youngsters and Wayne continues to pass on his knowledge through his Dance Workshops across the world.

The performance lasts approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes with an interval of 20 minutes. More information and details on how to book can be found at www.northernballet.com/boxoffice or by phoning 0113 220 8008.
Notes for Editors

The Stanley & Audrey Burton Theatre is Leeds' newest venue, and is housed in Northern Ballet and Phoenix Dance Theatre's home on Quarry Hill. The theatre seats up to 230 people and is right in the heart of what is becoming the city's cultural quarter. It offers a unique environment to see performances from up-and-coming to established artists and provides a space for experimental, smaller-scale work from larger artists and companies.

The theatre also offers the opportunity to get closer to the work of both Northern Ballet and Phoenix Dance Theatre in more intimate surroundings than the large venues to which both companies usually tour.

Listings

**Precious Little Sleep**
Stanley & Audrey Burton Theatre, Northern Ballet, Leeds LS2 7PA
Tel 0113 220 8008
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Sunday 19 June 2pm and 7pm
Tickets £17.50