



CANADA'S PRIMA BALLERINA EMBARKS ON 2015 CANADIAN MASTER CLASS SERIES Unique Opportunity Provides Aspiring Dancers with Intensive Instruction

January 10, 2015 – Vancouver, Canada: Chan Hon Goh, Director of the Goh Ballet Academy and former prima ballerina of the National Ballet of Canada is heading across Canada for her annual Canadian Master Class Series.

Following the success of the inaugural tour in 2014, Ms. Chan Hon Goh will be visiting 10 Canadian cities from coast to coast to provide a rare opportunity for aspiring dancers ages 10 to 18 to be instructed and mentored by one of Canada's dance elite. The tour commences February 5, 2015 at Toronto's National Ballet of Canada and concludes on February 27, 2015 at the Goh Ballet Academy in Vancouver BC.

Chan Hon Goh, *Director* of Goh Ballet, explains, "This Master Class Series is my opportunity to give back to the Canadian dance community and to inspire as well as mentor up-and-coming talent to achieve their dance dreams." Goh adds, "It is a very intensive month with a jam packed travel schedule, however we want to ensure that we reach dancers from across the country to foster and grow the dance community landscape in Canada."

The master classes will be hosted in 10 cities including Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Kelowna, Nanaimo, Victoria and Vancouver (*full schedule below*).

Dancers can register for a master class at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/859928>. The participation fee is \$25, which includes class and an intimate Q&A session with the artist. Scholarships valued at \$5,000 total will be awarded during the national tour. All participants of the master classes will be eligible for consideration and winners will be chosen based on artistic potential and technique.

2014 Master Class participant Jennifer Bennett shares her experience in the program, "I had the privilege to take part in the Chan Hon Goh Canadian master class series. It was a very enriching and inspirational experience. It is truly thought provoking to work with Ms. Goh, as she is very expressive and encouraging."

The Canadian Master Class Series is proudly presented by De Beers Diamond Jewellers Canada. The National Scholarship Awards are sponsored by the German Auto Import Network — Vancouver Island.



Master class schedule:

- **Toronto** February 5th at the National Ballet of Canada
- **Montreal** February 6th at Ecole Supérieure de Ballet du Quebec
- **Winnipeg** February 7th at Royal Winnipeg Ballet School
- **Edmonton** February 8th at Edmonton School of Ballet
- **Calgary** February 8th at School of Alberta Ballet
- **Saskatoon** February 9th at Dance Saskatchewan
- **Kelowna** February 10th at Canadian School of Ballet
- **Nanaimo** February 15th at Kirkwood Academy
- **Victoria** February 15th at Victoria Academy of Dance
- **Vancouver** February 27th at Goh Ballet Academy

About Chan Hon Goh:

Born in Beijing, Chan Hon Goh immigrated with her family to Vancouver, where she studied in the professional program at the Goh Ballet Academy. Upon graduation in 1988, she joined The National Ballet of Canada where she was a Principal Dancer.

Throughout her illustrious 20 year stage career, Ms. Goh has appeared with numerous companies throughout Europe, Asia, Australia, and North America. Her autobiography Beyond the Dance, A Ballerina’s Life was a finalist nominee for the 2003 Norma Fleck Award and the 2005 Rocky Mountain Book Award. Ms. Goh is the founder of PRINCIPAL by Chan Hon Goh® Inc. a manufacturer and distributor of ballet footwear, which received the ACCE Innovation Award for the Diamond Pointe Shoes.

Among a list of awards, Ms. Goh was the recipient of the prestigious Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for her outstanding contributions and dedication to Arts and Culture throughout Canada. In September of 2010, Ms. Goh became the Director of the Goh Ballet Academy and Youth Company. She also plays the key role as Executive Producer for Goh Ballet’s critically acclaimed Nutcracker which provides mentorship opportunities to aspiring dancers and a large scale professional production for the city of Vancouver. www.gohballet.com

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