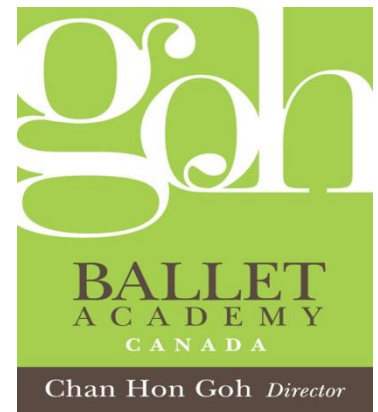


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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

*Goh Ballet dancers prepare to represent Canada at the 2015 Korea International Ballet Competition.*

Next month Goh Ballet will be sending four of their exceptional dancers to Seoul Korea; Chihiro Abe (15), Sara Carver (17), Letizia Dotto (16), and Michelle Khoo (16), will be the only representatives on behalf of Canada at the Korea International Ballet Competition. Just last year both Michelle Khoo and Chihiro Abe brought home the top two prizes from the Vienna International Ballet Competition. Khoo and Abe were awarded the Gold and Silver Medals, making Canadian history and promoting the growth of artistic calibre in Canada. The Korea International Ballet Competition is highly regarded and was given the prestigious title of Member of the International Dance Council. Goh Ballet is proud of their dancers' accomplishments this season and is excited to witness this next step towards an international career. In preparation for the competition, Goh Ballet will be hosting an exclusive presentation on Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup>, showcasing the repertoires that will be presented this year at the KIBC.

The Korea International Ballet Competition was established to provide young talent from across the globe a platform to demonstrate their abilities. Dr. Jae Keun Park, the President of KIBC, is working towards endorsing the expansion of the world ballet circles by providing opportunities for different cultures to learn from one another. Participants will be travelling from all parts of the world to perform for the esteemed judging panel, all of whom are world renowned. Last year's panel consisted of judges from Russia, Turkey, Italy, Belgium, Latvia, Korea, Austria, Poland, and the United States.

Chan Hon Goh, Director of the Goh Ballet Academy, served on the judging panel in 2013 and will once again serve as the only Canadian Judge this year. Ms. Goh, whose career is outlined with multiple artistic achievements, is looking forward to contributing her knowledge and experience at this year's Competition.

Chan Hon Goh, Director of Goh Ballet cordially invites esteemed members of the media to join the Academy for an exclusive presentation at Goh Ballet. Please contact the media liaison to RSVP and schedule photos/interviews.

**Exclusive Presentation, Interview and Photo Opportunities**

- WHO:** Chan Hon Goh, Director of Goh Ballet and Goh Ballet Academy dancers (Chihiro Abe, Sara Carver, Letizia Dotto, and Michelle Khoo.) **AVAILABLE ON SITE**
- WHAT:** Exclusive presentation by Goh Ballet dancers who will be representing Canada at the 2015 Korea International Ballet Competition.
- WHEN:** 3:00 – 4:00PM, Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- WHERE:** Goh Ballet Academy (2345 Main Street – Vancouver, BC)
- WHY:** The goal is to showcase the dedication and hard work of the Goh Ballet dancers who have worked towards achieving the honour of representing our country. It is a preview of what the world can expect from Canada's representatives at this year's Korea International Ballet Competition.

## **About Goh Ballet**

At the forefront of the dance and arts communities in Vancouver for over 35 years, Goh Ballet believes in fostering local talents and is the training ground for future dance professionals. The Academy offers diversity of programming that empowers youth, building a greater awareness of themselves through expression in the dance vocabulary as well as empathy for others, while sowing the seeds for healthy living through exercise. A multitude of classes are available for children and adults with extensive curriculum. The Goh Ballet furthers dancers' dedication to world-class training with the Goh Ballet Youth Company Canada which provides performance and touring opportunities essential for those striving for a career in dance.

The Goh Ballet is consistently committed to technical excellence showcased through a wide-ranging and ever expanding repertoire of classical and contemporary ballet, jazz, character and Chinese dance. Goh Ballet has trained students that have received medals and first prizes at the world's most prestigious dance competitions. Its influence is also felt internationally where Goh Ballet graduates have gone on to fill the ranks of top notch companies all over the world. It is this commendable success that has merited invitations to perform at numerous civic, corporate and charitable events each year locally and internationally.