



RENDERINGS: GOH BALLETT VIA FACEBOOK

Goh Ballet Comes to Toronto's Bayview Village - a First for a Mall in Canada: Vancouver's premiere ballet academy, Goh Ballet, will soon open its first Toronto location at Bayview Village Shopping Centre. Chan Hon Goh, Director of Goh Ballet and former Principal Dancer of the National Ballet of Canada, has wanted to expand her academy to Toronto for quite some time and will now see that dream come true.

The ballet academy was founded by Goh's parents in 1978 who were both principal dancers in Beijing's National Ballet of China. Dancers who train at Goh Ballet often go on to pursue successful and prestigious careers in ballet; Goh's academy has produced many current Principal Dancers at world-renowned companies.

Goh enlisted Toronto-based interior design and architecture studio, Batay-Csorba Architects to design the two-level, 7000 square foot studio. The space will feature a granite staircase that ascends to a light-filled reception area inspired by the classic tutu associated with ballet. Westbank acted as Goh's development partner on this project. The combination of developer, designer, and dancer will be sure to create Toronto's most en pointe studio.



The addition of a dance academy to the shopping centre is an interesting choice. Retail Insider continues to observe the trend of retail becoming more of an experience and places where shoppers and visitors are encouraged to spend more time. Goh Ballet will open their Bayview Village academy in the summer of 2019 and is a first of its kind in a Canadian mall, as far as we're aware.