



INVITATION TO THE MEDIA
August 10th, 2011

Youth Dancers on a Performance Tour of a Lifetime

Vancouver, BC - The Goh Ballet cordially invites members of the media to attend an **exclusive dress rehearsal on August 23rd 2011 at 3:30pm** where Goh Ballet dancers will rehearse repertoire which they will perform on their **cultural and artistic exchange tour to China** later this month (August 29th – September 14th 2011).

The Goh Ballet believes in creating bridges for **cultural exchange** reflecting the multicultural diversity of Canada and the city of Vancouver. On August 29th, **34 young dancers ranging from age 14 to 21 will travel to China**, many of them for the very first time, where they will share their artistry with the foreign audiences, **showcasing unique Canadian contemporary choreography and their classical ballet repertoire.**

The performance tour will showcase; from the romantic era, *Les Sylphides*; excerpts from full-length ballets, *Yellow River*, *Murals* and *Talisman*; as well as a specially commissioned piece by a Canadian choreographer, *Composition in Rouge*. The dancers have also prepared a special treat for the Chinese public; they have learned the Tradition Chinese Fan Dance as a gift to their audiences in thanks for the opportunity to perform on such wonderful stages.

Knowing the educational significance and rare opportunities surrounding this type of tour, Jake Preece (14), one of 34 dancers traveling to China admits, *"It's a great opportunity for dancers to travel to different places at such a young age. It seems that young athletes and sports teams are constantly able to travel and tour, it is rare for dancers to have such an opportunity. I have heard some of the older dancers speak about previous tours and I am super stoked to be a part of this 2011 tour"*.

The 14 day tour will take the young dancers to **Guangzhou, Zhongshan, Hangzhou, Suzhou, and Beijing**. In each city, dancers will be provided great exchange opportunities and increase their exposure to the local dance scene with master class opportunities and some shared performance programs. Undoubtedly, this tour will garner for these youth **unforgettable experiences and memories that will further increase their development of cultural appreciation on their path to becoming artists.**

Dress Rehearsal

Where: Goh Ballet Academy (2345 Main Street, Vancouver)

Time: *3:30pm – 5:30pm

**Refreshments will be served*

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