

Ballet fusion

East meets West at the Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts

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Think Russia and the West have the market cornered on polished, rigorous ballet? Then you'll want to check out the Guangzhou Ballet Troupe, a company that until now has been all but unknown in these parts. For its first trip to Vancouver, the group is presenting a show called Ballet Fusion—East Meets West, and the title could not be more appropriate: alongside excerpts from popular Chinese ballets like Mei Lanfang and The Celestial Phoenix, the program will feature bits from classics like Swan Lake and Giselle. Yes, apparently this troupe can do it all. They'll be sharing the stage with Vancouver's own Goh Ballet, which will also perform a piece. It all happens one night only, Friday (October 21) at the Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts.