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The Goh Ballet Presents the Nutcracker



With less than two weeks before opening night of the Goh Ballet's critically acclaimed Nutcracker at the Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts, tickets are selling out fast. With live music from the Vancouver Opera Orchestra and principal dancers from the National Ballet of Canada and the Pacific Northwest Ballet, it is sure to capture the imagination of the entire family!

Tickets are available at the Goh Ballet Administrative office at 604-872-4014 ext 218 or through Ticketmaster at <http://www.ticketmaster.ca/> or call 604-280-3311. Act now to ensure you share in the magic of this holiday classic.

I am thrilled to be able to return to Vancouver this year and be part of the Goh Ballet's wonderful Nutcracker production. I am glad that now Vancouver has a great production that can become part of everyone's holiday tradition. See you all soon!

Sonia Rodriguez

Principal Dancer, Pacific Northwest Ballet

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Goh Ballet Nutcracker Raffle Sales

TIME IS RUNNING OUT to buy the Nutcracker Raffle Tickets with GREAT ODDS OF WINNING one of three amazing prizes! Don't miss your chance to purchase a *Nutcracker* raffle ticket for this year's hottest fundraiser! The Goh Ballet will be drawing three lucky winners on December 19th 2010.

First prize: ROLEX Oyster Perpetual Lady-Date just Superlative Chronometer (26mm) Watch courtesy of Montecristo Jeweler (Retail value \$9,117)

Second prize: Jacqueline Conoir Collection Fashionista Experience Package courtesy of JC Studios, home of the Jacqueline Conoir Collection (Retail value \$3,500)

Third prize: Two nights' accommodation in a beautiful Fairmont Gold Room courtesy of the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver (Retail value \$1,100).

Tickets are only \$25 and are selling out fast! Call 604.872.4014 to purchase or for a limited time tickets will be available at the Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts during the Nutcracker Performances December 16 - 19, 2010.



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The Goh Ballet Nutcracker Tours in Victoria

From November 25 to November 29, 2010, 45 dancers from the Goh Ballet Academy travelled to our provincial capital of Victoria for a weekend of performances. There, they were joined by 75 children from Victoria-area dance schools in four spectacular performances. The performances were well received and garnered great reviews from [local media](#). The dancers were delighted with their experiences on tour, "the performances went really well and it was a really great experience to be on tour," said Melody Lu. Sara Carver added that "the Principal Dancers from the Pacific Northwest Ballet were very inspiring."

A special thank you to Michele Carver and Deb Basterfield for all your work behind the scenes during the performances.

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Announcing the 2010 Nutcracker Sponsors

Our production would not be feasible without such generous support from corporations and the community. Thank you to our 2010 *Nutcracker* Sponsors to date:

Title Sponsors: Montecristo in Partnership with Rolex and BMW, the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, Global TV and the Vancouver Sun.

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Goh Ballet International Summer Dance Intensive & Performance Workshop

Summer Dance Intensive: July 5 - July 30 2011

Performance Workshop: August 3 - August 13, 2011

Teacher Development Seminar: July 20 - July 2, 2011

Nurturing the development of innovation and evolving dynamics with the finest teaching traditions, the International Summer Dance Intensive is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Work with internationally renowned dance luminaries including **Peter Boal**, Artistic Director of the Pacific Northwest Ballet, **Barbara Bears**, former Principal Dancer of the Houston Ballet, and our award winning faculty under the direction of **Chan Hon Goh**, former Principal Dancer of the National Ballet of Canada.

The Summer Intensive Program encompasses a number of classes with classical ballet, technique development

and repertoire classes daily. We also have pas de deux, contemporary and body conditioning classes mixed in with the program.

The Performance Intensive Workshop will focus on the various aspects of theatre, dance and music with classes designed to teach characterization, performance quality, presentation, a variety of dance styles and professional makeup and hair techniques. Applicants should also be enrolled in our Summer Intensive Program.

Admission into this program is by audition only. Scheduled auditions will be held at the Goh Ballet Academy on the following dates:

- Thursday, January 27, 2011
- Thursday, April 21, 2011
- Wednesday, June 1, 2011
- Friday, June 24, 2011

To pre-register, please contact the Goh Ballet Administrative office

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Master class with Tara Butler

On November 17, 2010 we had the extreme pleasure in welcoming Tara Butler, Principal Dancer of Ballet Jörgen Canada, to guest teach a class at our school. She has performed lead roles such as "Juliet", which was created for her in Bengt Jörgen's Romeo and Juliet, and the title roles in both Cinderella and the new full-length ballet, Anastasia. Tara is in great demand by choreographers across Canada and has been a principal guest artist with the Hong Kong Ballet, the International Miami Hispanic Dance Festival, and the Banff Anniversary Gala. Tara also teaches and coaches for Ballet Jörgen Canada, George Brown Dance, and many other dance schools across the country. Mentorships such as this are a wonderful opportunity for the dancers at the Academy; it allows for diversity in curriculum and fosters personal growth within.



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Inspired By, Chan Hon Goh shares story in new Canadian Book

Ms. Goh recently submitted an inspirational story to the newly published book, "Canadian Voices". This book is a collection of motivating stories and colored photos from many well known Canadians. Some of those who submitted stories along with Ms. Goh include Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Shania Twain, Celine Dion, Rick Hansen, Lloyd Robertson, Tom Cochrane and many more. A portion of the sale of each book is donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation ® of Canada. Click [Here](#) to find out how to purchase your copy.

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Danielle Gould at the *Genée International Ballet Competition*



The Genée International Ballet Competition is open to the finest young ballet dancers who have trained in the RAD curriculum and have garnered the highest qualifications. This year, 71 candidates, aged between 15 and 19 and representing 12 nationalities from all over the world participated in the competition. Danielle Gould embraced this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity realizing that it is a significant milestone in her path to becoming a professional dancer and represented the Goh Ballet at this year's competition. When asked about her experiences in London, Danielle said:

"Being able to go to the Genée International Ballet Competition was an amazing and wonderful opportunity. I learnt so much and I especially loved working with all the coaches and teachers as well as dancing in a room full of other wonderful dancers from all parts of the world. It was a truly honorable experience and I was proud to represent Vancouver and the Goh Ballet."

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