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Welcome Back!

The start of the new school year is now a month behind us and we are happy to see so many familiar and new faces here at the Goh Ballet. The Academy would like to thank all parents, staff and students for their hard work and continued high spirits. The Academy would like to bond students and staff together and with the upcoming Nutcracker performances nearing, we understand the importance of a stronger communication between students, parents and faculty. As such, if you ever have questions or concerns, you are always welcome to talk to the administrative staff at the front office. Let us have another flourishing year of success and growth.

- For help in scheduling and appointments, please talk to Adelina Wong
- For help in communications and general support, please talk to Raymond Wong
- For support in tuition and payments, please talk to Paul Lee
- For inquiries about the Nutcracker, please talk to Katie Weber

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The Nutcracker is Touring to Victoria!!!

On September 19, 2010 Chan Hon Goh, Fiona Smith, Katie Weber and Deborah Basterfield were in Victoria to audition children for the touring version of the *Nutcracker* which will perform at the Royal Theatre from November 26th – 28th 2010. The auditions were a great success. With over 100 young, talented students that came to audition, the roles of Baby Mice, Soldiers, Reindeer, Party Girls, Party Boys, Little Angels, Tall Angels, Gingerbread



doll, Calvary, Chinese Children and Bon Bons, were filled to complete the Victoria cast. The divertissement roles will be danced by Goh Ballet's very own Youth Ballet Company dancers and Senior Professional students. As well, two Principal Dancers, Karel Cruz and Mara Vinson, from the Pacific Northwest Ballet will be joining the cast as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier Prince.

The Goh Ballet's *Nutcracker* is being presented by Dance Victoria (November 26th – 28th 2010). With all the wonder and enchantment of last year's Vancouver production, Victoria is in for a sweet treat. Accompanying the cast of over 120 dancers is the Victoria Symphony led by Maestro Ken Hsieh, a wonderful compliment to the newly set touring version of the choreography by Anna-Marie Holmes.

Tickets for the Victoria Nutcracker are available through [Dance Victoria](#)

Dates of the shows:

- November 26
- November 27
- November 28

Tickets for the Vancouver *Nutcracker* are available through [Ticketmaster](#), 604.280.3311 or through the Goh Ballet Administrative office 604.872.4014.

Dates of the shows:

- December 16
- December 17
- December 18 x 2 shows
- December 19 x 2 shows

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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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Nutcracker Guest Principal Dancer Spotlight: Karel Cruz

Karel Cruz is from Holguin, Cuba, and received his training at Cuba's Escuela Nacional de Artes. He joined Ballet Nacional de Cuba in 1996 and left in 1998 to join Ballet Clasico de Camara in Venezuela. From 1999 to 2000, he danced with Teatro Teresa Carreno, also in Venezuela. He joined Pacific Northwest Ballet as a member of the corps de ballet in 2002 and was promoted to soloist in 2007 and principal in 2009. Karel joins the Goh Ballet's *Nutcracker* cast for the 2010 production as the Cavalier Prince. Karel not only brings with him his skills as a dancer, but also his enthusiasm, *"I am excited to be a part of Goh Ballet performing in Vancouver and Victoria for my first time. I had the opportunity to rehearse at the Goh Ballet Academy and really enjoyed working with Anne Marie Holmes and Mara Vinson. I'm looking forward to being there soon and hope I can continue to be a part of Goh Ballet in the future."* Surely this season's performance of the *Nutcracker* will be another great success!



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Flu & Cold: Away!

Flu and cold season is among us! Here are some easy tips on staying healthy this fall:

- Drink plenty of fluids
- Wash your hands regularly and use hand sanitizer
- Cough and sneeze into your arm, not your hands
- Avoid touching your face to minimize germs entering your body
- Eat healthy with a well balanced diet of colorful fruits and veggies
- Consume more Vitamin C

If you fall ill, stay home and rest! Germs can spread quickly and you don't want to get your whole class sick. Also, don't forget to call the office to let us know if you are not coming in for a day.

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Furthering your Learning at the Goh Ballet

The Goh Ballet is a place where so many come together and connect with one common passion, to dance. Not only do we offer the opportunity to excel in the art of dance but also in understanding the craft. Some of these opportunities include, operating the Goh Ballet Shop, providing assistance in building maintenance, assisting in the production and costumes, organizing our performance wardrobe and administrative duties. Our Academy is home to numerous artistic individuals who aspire to excel and grow with the school. The Goh Ballet would like to applaud *Minami Arita, Hiroko Watanabe, Tayran Martins, Marion Rosario, Vlademir Pereira, Dustin Carnie, Hannah Livdhal, Jessa Ruthven and Yuta Kawakami* who have dedicated their time and effort in making the Academy a better place for both students and teachers. If you are looking to learn more about behind the scenes of the school, feel free to contact Katie Weber for more information on how to be part of the volunteer committee.

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New Uniforms

New uniforms are here! With new colours, new fabric and new designs, students are looking well prepared for the 2010/2011 school year. A reminder to all students that you are required to wear your uniform for all your classes. Don't have your new uniform yet? Our Goh Ballet Shop is stocked with all your uniform needs.

Shop Hours: Saturday 11:00am – 3:00pm, Monday – Friday 10:00am – 5:00pm (Please see Adelina Wong in the main office for assistance).

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Nutcracker Raffle 2010

Be a part of the magic! Purchase a ticket, sell a ticket, tell your friends.

Support the Goh Ballet's 2010 production of The Nutcracker by purchasing raffle tickets! Win one of the following three fabulous prizes:

First prize: ROLEX Oyster Perpetual Lady-Datejust Superlative Chronometer (26mm)
Watch courtesy of Montecristo Jeweller (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)

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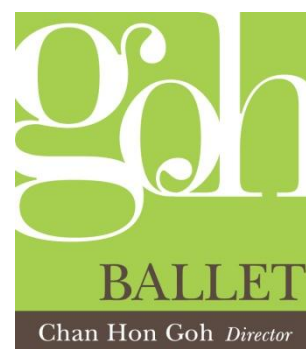
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