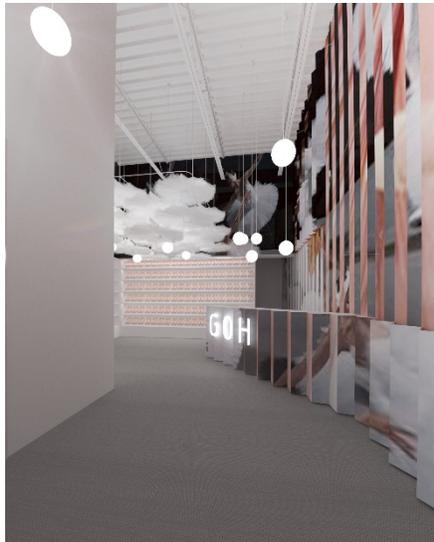


INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED GOH BALLET ACADEMY TO OPEN IN TORONTO Decorated dance institute brings its legacy from Vancouver to Bayview Village Summer 2019



Vancouver, BC (April 24, 2019) – Premiere dance academy Goh Ballet will open its first location in Toronto this summer, as announced today by Chan Hon Goh, the company's Director and former Principal Dancer of the National Ballet of Canada. Opening within Bayview Village, one of Canada's most prestigious shopping destinations, the ballet academy will offer comprehensive programs for all ages.

"I have always wanted to bring my love of mentoring aspiring dancers to Toronto and give back to the community that was immensely supportive during my 20-year career with the National Ballet of Canada," says Chan Hon Goh. "At Goh Ballet we offer world-class training with an individualized approach to nurture and develop each student's talent."

Founded in 1978 by Goh's parents, Choo Chiat and Lin Yee Goh, both Principal dancers in Beijing's esteemed National Ballet of China, Goh Ballet has offered the highest calibre of dance education and artistic experience resulting in gold medal achievements at international ballet competitions and prestigious careers for many of its dancers. Graduates such as Alex Wong, James Stout, Frances Chung, and Celine Gittens, among others, now lead as Principal Dancers at world-renowned companies.

Structured with a well-rounded curriculum, professional guidance and individualized coaching, programs at **Goh Ballet Bayview** will be taught by certified and award-winning instructors and Goh herself will remain close to operations, splitting her time between Vancouver and Toronto. Classes will have limited enrollments to ensure quality teaching environments. Week-long workshops kick off in the summer with full annual programs beginning in September, including:

Creative Dance: an introduction to dance for children ages 3 and 4. Designed to start budding young movers on their exciting dance adventure, young dancers will begin to develop spatial awareness, mind and body coordination, balance and fine motor skills as they are led through imaginative and energetic creative dance classes. Each term session is for 10 weeks.

Junior School: for students 4 and up, this annual program curriculum follows a progressive structure designed to assist each child in reaching their highest potential. Offers class placement for students of every ability, whether focused on after-school dance education or developing the strong skills and technique required to become a professional dancer.

Pre-Professional School: consists of a distinctive and comprehensive curriculum, offering smaller class sizes with tailored instruction based in the Vaganova methodology. Students typically enter at age 11 and are provided with more intense instruction, including pointe work and individual choreography prepared for students. This Jewel 1 & 2 program provides a strong technical foundation in classical ballet and encourages uninhibited artistic expression in all disciplines of dance. Audition is required for entry.

Prima Dance: for students who have gained number of years of training but wish to focus on an academically inclined path to university studies, Prima Dance provides a dynamic range of classes. Enabling students to enjoy multiple dance genres without having to switch to a combined academic and dance program during the high school years, this program for students 13 and up allows the flexibility to further the exuberance of dance while at the same time continuing with regular academic school commitments.

Adult Drop-In Classes: for those who loved to dance at a young age or people looking to incorporate dance into their weekly fitness routine. Classes include Dance Fit, Ballet Body Conditioning with Stretch and Tone, Adult Classical Ballet, and Golden Ballet 55+!

"Goh Ballet brings Bayview Village a premium amenity for us to offer to our customers and the surrounding community," says Melissa Evans-Lee, Vice President, Retail, National Marketing at QuadReal Property Group. "With the school directly connected to the shopping centre, dancers and their families will have a wide selection of services at their fingertips while contributing to Bayview's cultural vibrancy."

To create a space that properly reflects the purity and movement of dance and speaks to all the senses, Chan Hon Goh enlisted Toronto-based architecture and interior design studio Batay-Csorba Architects and partnered with Westbank on the development of the project.

Upon entering the two-level, 7000 square foot space, guests get a glimpse of a unique graphic and monumental granite staircase with glass railings before ascending the stairs to a light-filled reception area inspired by the classic dance tutu. At the top, the large-scale graphic running the length of the entire north wall is revealed in full with a sense of motion: a two-story image of Chan Hon Goh dancing Juliet, in hues of peach and pink, spliced with a greyscale image of Swan Lake ballerinas. With white surfaces everywhere and mirrors throughout, the entire space is bright and light.

With a commitment to focus on training, the new **Goh Ballet Bayview** includes five dance studios, that can transition into three larger spaces, each with a piano and an archival photo gallery of alumni to motivate and inspire. There are also dressing rooms and conference areas and a signature boutique offering essentials such as uniforms, dancewear, costumes and Principal by Chan Hon Goh® ballet slippers and pointe shoes.

Registration for Goh Ballet Bayview's 2019 annual training programs will open Monday, April 29, 2019. Contact Info@GohBallet.com for more information. Next up: **Discover Goh Ballet Bayview**. Goh Ballet Bayview will hold orientations and presentations on Thursday, May 23, 2019 and Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at Village Loft, 2901 Bayview Avenue.

About Goh Ballet Academy

Goh Ballet, at the forefront of the dance and art communities since 1978, is one of the most globally recognized private dance institutions in the world. Throughout its history, the academy has reliably produced leading Principal Dancers for many world-renowned dance companies. Since 2009, under the directorship of Chan Hon Goh, former Principal Dancer of the National Ballet of Canada, Goh Ballet has become a cultural ambassador for Canada. The company's vision is to further the art of dance for prospects of the 21st century and beyond.

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