

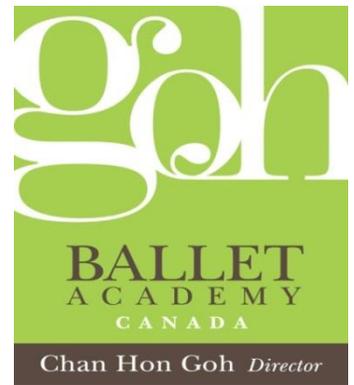
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MEDIA ADVISORY

Vancouver's Goh Ballet represents Canada on the world stage and brings home the Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals.

VANCOUVER, BC (January 25, 2016) – Recently returned from the first ever Vienna International Ballet Experience, USA, hosted by Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre and destination Missoula (Held Jan 12th – 16th). Eight young dancers represented Vancouver, Canada and amongst the most outstanding young participants from around the world, Goh Ballet's students shined brightly in the various competitive categories. Thirteen-year-old **Chloe Gauthier** impressed the VIBE judges and brought home the Gold medal; and thirteen-year-old **Abby Wang** takes home the Bronze medal. In the Junior 2 Division, sixteen-year-old **Rachel Gibbs** was awarded the Silver medal.

"I was a little nervous but equally excited knowing I would be dancing in master classes and on stage in front of world-renowned judges. I saw some amazing dancers compete from Cuba, Korea and parts of the US as well as Brazil and Portugal. It was an honor for me to have represented Goh Ballet at VIBE and to bring home the only Gold Medal for Canada. This would not have been possible without all the hard work and support I received from my teachers and Ms. Goh." ~Chloe Gauthier

In the Senior Division there were many professional dancers featured, including Principal dancers from the Cincinnati Ballet and the Washington Ballet. In its entirety the Vienna International Ballet Experience had dancers coming from much of the United States including, California, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, New Jersey, New York Pennsylvania, Illinois, Maryland, Oregon and Ohio. There were international dancers that came from the United Kingdom, West Africa, Italy, Brazil, South Africa, Korea, Republic of Georgia, Cuba, and Portugal. A true representation of an International Cultural Exchange, not only was it a wonderful journey for Goh's dancers but it was a great way to highlight the talent from Canada with the international dance community. Our medalists now have the opportunity to be showcased and compete at the Vienna International Ballet Experience in Vienna Austria at the end of March.

"Our intent is to create and opportunity that is new, vibrant, and will open doors for artists from all over the world meeting for the first time in Montana USA. VIBE is united by one motivation, one language, one aim – we communicate through dance!" ~Gregor A. Hatala, President – VIBE

VIBE, USA combined an elite International jury, creative workshops, master classes, cultural programs, networking platforms, the art of diplomacy conference, and a film festival, ensuring a complete and well-rounded artistic experience.

Goh Ballet was proud to play a part in offering our dancers this experience of a lifetime, to make available the training and repertoire that will propel them in their dance dreams. These dancers, along with other students from the Senior Professional Program of the Goh Ballet, will be performing in Goh Ballet's original production of Peter & the Wolf, this June at the Vancouver Playhouse Theatre.

About Goh Ballet Academy Canada

At the forefront of the dance and arts communities in Vancouver for over 35 years, Goh Ballet believes in fostering local talents and is the training ground for future dance professionals. The Academy offers diversity of programming that empowers youth, building a greater awareness of themselves through expression in the dance vocabulary as well as empathy for others, while sowing the seeds for healthy living through exercise. A multitude of classes are available for children and adults with extensive

curriculum. The Goh Ballet furthers dancers' dedication to world-class training with the Goh Ballet Youth Company Canada which provides performance and touring opportunities essential for those striving for a career in dance.

The Goh Ballet is consistently committed to technical excellence showcased through a wide-ranging and ever expanding repertoire of classical and contemporary ballet, jazz, character and Chinese dance. Goh Ballet has trained students that have received medals and first prizes at the world's most prestigious dance competitions. Its influence is also felt internationally where Goh Ballet graduates have gone on to fill the ranks of top notch companies all over the world. It is this commendable success that has merited invitations to perform at numerous civic, corporate and charitable events each year locally and internationally.

Interview Requests & Photo Ops

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