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CANADA'S PRIMA BALLERINA EMBARKS ON 2016 CANADIAN MASTERCLASS SERIES Unique Opportunity Provides Aspiring Canadian Dancers with World-Class Instruction

February 2016 – Vancouver, Canada: Chan Hon Goh, Director of the Goh Ballet and former Principal Dancer of the National Ballet of Canada is heading across Canada for her annual Canadian Masterclass Series beginning February 6th in Calgary, Alberta.

Following the success of the inaugural Masterclass Series in 2014, Ms. Chan Hon Goh will be visiting eight cities across Canada providing a rare opportunity for aspiring dancers. Performers ages 10 to 18 will be mentored in small groups by Goh, one of Canada's dance elite. The tour commences at Calgary's School of Alberta Ballet and concludes on February 23, 2016 at the Northern Lights School of Dance in Whitehorse, YT.

"I would like to continue on this important journey, which started in 2014, to create access for young dancers across the vast Canadian dance community to receive instruction which will propel their artistry and benefit their future goals," Ballerina Chan Hon Goh explains. "My Masterclass is a chance for me to inspire and mentor future artists to achieve their dance dreams. It is a very intensive month but we are thrilled to reach young dancers across the country, to foster and grow the incredible dance community in Canada. It gives me so much joy to be able to meet aspiring artists, their enthusiasm and talent continue to engage my desire to give back."

The Masterclass will be hosted in eight cities including Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa, Edmonton, Kelowna, Vancouver, Nanaimo and Whitehorse. *(full schedule below).*

Dancers can register for a Masterclass at www.gohballet.com/performance/canadian-masterclass-series/. The participation fee is \$25, which includes class and an intimate Q&A session. Scholarships valued at \$5,000 total will be awarded during the national tour. All participants of the Masterclass will be eligible for consideration and winners will be chosen based on artistic potential and technique.

Last year's Masterclass participant and scholarship winner Madison Dewart is thrilled to be attending the class again in 2016, "It's a gift to take part in Chan Hon Goh's Masterclass. Through her guidance, she helped me explore the artistic and emotional elements to elevate my dance performances. Ms. Goh is a very encouraging and inspirational mentor; the Class was truly an unforgettable and enriching experience."

The Canadian Masterclass Series is proudly presented by De Beers Diamond Jewellers Canada.
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Masterclass schedule:

Calgary	February 6 th at School of Alberta Ballet
Toronto	February 7 th at Dance Teq Centre
Ottawa	February 10 th at Ottawa Dance Centre Schools
Edmonton	February 12 th at Edmonton School of Ballet
Kelowna	February 15 th at Canadian School of Ballet
Vancouver	February 19 th at Goh Ballet Academy
Nanaimo	February 21 st at Kirkwood Academy
Whitehorse	February 23 th at Northern Lights School of Dance

About Chan Hon Goh

With an illustrious stage career that spanned over 20 years as Principal Dancer with the National Ballet of Canada, Ms. Goh is one of the most prolific and gifted artists of her generation. Her delicate lyricism and emotional depth personify the essence of numerous lead roles in the classical repertoire. She has also had multiple ballets created for her by some of today’s most sought after choreographers. In 2010, Ms. Goh became the Director of Goh Ballet, to further her passion to inspire the dancers of tomorrow and to implement her values in providing students with access to train with the world’s most notable teachers. Extending her reach and always advocating for the arts, Ms. Goh serves as a jury member for several international dance competitions. She is a founding member of Vancouver’s Arts and Culture Policy Council, which assists in giving the city a voice for the creative community. Her accomplishments, with irrepressible devotion to the enhancement of the cultural life of Canada, have garnered several prestigious awards including, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, the YWCA Women of Distinction Award and the New Pioneers Arts Award.

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