

# Their dream soars

## Girls meet their ballet heroes

**TWO SICK** little girls who adore the ballet but aren't well enough to dance got a behind-the-scenes look into the world they love yesterday.

Danika Blackstock, of Cambridge, and Aisha Casell, of Montreal, who are both 8 years old, were able to meet one of The National Ballet of Canada's principal dancers, Chan Hon Goh, during a rehearsal of *Giselle* at the Walter Carsen Centre.

"It was fun meeting Chan. I liked her dancing and watching the ballet and the music,"

said Danika, who has a chronic heart condition that has required several surgeries.

"I also got to try on some of the costumes."

Goh invited the girls to the rehearsal after receiving letters from them.

"Danika wrote Chan to say she was a fan and (Chan) was so moved by her story — that she invited her to a rehearsal," said Sally Szuster, a spokesman for the ballet company.

— Kevin Connor



## Toe-to-toe with a star

■ AISHA CASSELL, left, and Danika Blackstock meet their idol, Chan Hon Goh, a principal dancer for The National Ballet of Canada, yesterday during a rehearsal, inset, for the production of *Giselle*.

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