



Goh Ballet Bayview

Your Dance Journey Starts With Us



"One of the world's most prestigious ballet schools..." —CBC

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Recognized to be a combination of intricate choreography, scenic design, atmospheric lighting, accentuated costuming, graceful movements and a personification of music, **Ballet** is a dance like no other. It can be used to express our deepest emotions or to tell the most profound stories and has been globally influential, defining the foundational techniques used in many other dance genres and cultures. In Canada, **Goh Ballet** was established over forty years ago by Choo Chiat and Lin Yee Goh, and has since grown into one of the most illustrious private dance schools in the world. Now under the directorship of **Chan Hon Goh**, former Principal Dancer of The National Ballet of Canada, **Goh Ballet Academy** is flourishing in the renaissance of a global arts community in Canada.

We are looking to the future with agility, strength and poise. Dancers of **Goh Ballet** will be empowered to take the international stage with assurance. Polished holistic training programs are grounded by **Goh Ballet's** core values: innovation for advancement, respect for the art-form, and care for balance and teamwork. Passionately mentored by a dedicated faculty, each dancer's artistic versatility is allowed to shine at every level.

An art form that touches human emotions beyond that of anything else, dance speaks to the soul. **Goh Ballet** cherishes and exudes beauty, grace and elegance by encouraging and introducing people to lead creatively inspired lives. The Arts are meant to be shared and **Goh Ballet** gives the highest level of care based upon principles of building and evolving perfection, inspiring possibilities and propelling motivation. With the unique and individualized approach to fostering talent at various levels of development, **Goh Ballet** goes beyond dance, to nurture human interactions and contribute to the cultural landscape. We build on the enjoyment of dance and cultivate passion to make the impossible possible. Through commitment, dedication, and developed confidence, our students will be well equipped with diverse dance education experiences taught by award winning faculty. We invite you to join us on this journey.

Chan Hon Goh C.M., *Director*



Welcome to Goh Ballet Bayview

Artistically powerful, compelling and meaningful, Goh Ballet Bayview will enhance the cultural experience of residents and visitors alike with plans to broaden the core offerings and add rich layers of experiences through dance programs for all ages alongside adult drop-in classes and workshops. Dedicated facilities will encompass three highly engineered dance studios with capabilities of dividing into five studios for various needs. Together we hope to further advance the art of dance for prospects of the Twenty First Century and contribute to the fast paced and ever-changing artistic landscape.

“A dance training institution in Vancouver that is recognized internationally for its prize-winning students and sought after graduates.”

— The Vancouver Sun, Canada



Since 1978, Vancouver, Canada has been home to the most decorated and diverse dance institute in the country, the Goh Ballet Academy. Established by National Ballet of China's Choo Chiat and Lin Yee Goh, Goh Ballet was created to pursue technical and artistic excellence and to celebrate cultural awareness in the community.

ACCOLADES

- Outstanding School Award (Youth America Grand Prix)
- Outstanding Champion for the Arts (Arts and Culture)

GOLD MEDAL/FIRST PRIZES

- Genée International Competition (Royal Academy of Dance), England
- Prix de Lausanne, Switzerland
- Tanzolymp Festival, Berlin
- Vienna International Dance Competition (Wien Welt Wettbewerb), Austria

MEDAL RECIPIENTS

- Varna International Ballet Competition
- Asia Pacific International Ballet Competition
- Helsinki International Ballet Competition
- Japan National Pas de Deux Competition
- Korean International Ballet Competition
- New York International Competition
- Seoul International Dance Competition

FOUNDERS AWARDS

- Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal (2013)
- S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award (2012)
- British Columbia Community Achievement Award (2006)
- City of Vancouver Civic Merit Award (2003)
- Induction into the BC Entertainment Hall of Fame (2003)
- Chinese Cultural Centre of Great Vancouver Artistic Achievement Award (2001)



ALUMNI CAREERS

Goh Ballet Youth Company members have gone on to careers with many prolific companies including:

- American Ballet Theatre
- Australian Ballet Company
- National Ballet of Canada
- English National Ballet
- San Francisco Ballet
- Birmingham Royal Ballet
- Dutch National Ballet
- Among others

CHAN HON GOH AWARDS

- Order of Canada (2019)
- World Ballet Competition – Best Teacher Award (2018)
- Top 25 Immigrant Award (2017)
- YWCA Women of Distinction Award (2013)
- Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal (2013)
- FMA Vancouver Art Achievement Award (2010)
- National Association of Asian American Professionals 100 Award (NAAAP) (2010)
- Mandarin Profile Female Entrepreneur Award (2010)
- New Pioneers Arts Award (2005)
- Rocky Mountain Book Award – Finalist Nominee: Beyond the Dance (2005)
- Norma Fleck Award – Finalist nominee: Beyond the Dance (2003)
- Genée International Ballet Competition – Silver Medal (1988)
- Prix de Lausanne – Prize (1986)



céline gittens
principal dancer, birmingham royal ballet, goh
ballet alumna, graduated 2006

IMAGE COURTESY OF BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

"I would like to thank Goh for such an Academy where I was trained to perfect my art and become a fearless and versatile dancer. The training I received prepared me to enter a professional company... I am very grateful to have had these experiences and qualities at such a young age."

— Céline Gittens



YUKA EBIHARA
PRINCIPAL DANCER, POLISH NATIONAL BALLET,
GOH BALLET ALUMNA, GRADUATED 2008

IMAGE COURTESY OF EWA KRASUCKA

"As an international student to Goh Ballet's senior professional school, I was provided with an abundance of opportunities to take part in many different professional productions, and in the creative process with leading choreographers. My teachers gave me instrumental mentorship which enabled me to have all the tools necessary to transition into a professional career. I am truly grateful for the time that I had at Goh Ballet."

— Yuka Ebihara

Goh Ballet Academy provides well-rounded dance education, building on the enjoyment of dance and nourishing passion to make the impossible possible. It is through this environment that Goh Ballet continually cultivates dancers to realize their dreams. Over the years, students have gone on to careers with many prolific companies internationally.



Children's Division

Creative Dance:

- Ages 3-4 years
- 10-week program
- 3 terms per year — optional

We believe it's never too early to start nurturing your child's creativity and love of dance, which is why we're thrilled to present a program 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 lead through an imaginative and energetic dance class.

Using familiar characters, stories and music they will be gently encouraged to share their creative ideas, build new friendships and show confidence as they discover the magical world of dance. Children will also develop concentration skills and focus whilst being introduced to the basic concepts of ballet.

Pre-School to Primary:

- Ages 4-6 years
- No evaluation assessment necessary
- Pre-School, Pre-Primary, Primary



Junior School

- Ages 7-17 years
- A1 to A6, Senior Intermediate and Advanced, Classical Ballet 1 & 2
- Evaluation Assessment necessary for placement

Dancers range in age from 7 to 17 years old. Levels A1 to A6, follow consecutively from the classes completed in the Children's Division and levels are assigned based on age and skill compatibility. Upon completion of A5, students may be invited to join the Pre-Professional Division for more intense dance training. Students in the Intermediate Division may undertake annual Royal Academy of Dance graded examinations as well as receive the foundation of the Vaganova technique.

Goh Ballet's Junior School provides comprehensive classical ballet education along with classes in other dance disciplines for students aged 4 and up. Taught by certified and award-winning instructors, our Junior School curriculum follows a progressive structure designed to assist each child in reaching their highest potential. The Junior School offers class placement for students of every age and ability, whether focused on after-school dance education or developing the strong skills and technique required to become a professional dancer. Upon evaluation assessment, students have the opportunity to be placed in a specific program that will suit their motivational and artistic needs.

The focus of training in the Junior School is sequential, providing building blocks for children to grow from one year to the next. Our faculty members provide an encouraging, stimulating dance education while reducing anxiety and fear in the classroom.

james stout
principal dancer, dutch national ballet, goh
ballet alumnus, graduated 2006

IMAGE COURTESY OF ANGELA STERLING



frances chung
principal dancer, san francisco ballet, goh
ballet alumna, graduated 2001

IMAGE COURTESY OF SAN FRANCISCO BALLET



Goh Ballet Academy is educating the youth of today to give back through the gift of dance, offering them a meaningful way to tell their story and providing avenues to contribute constructively to our society. Rigorous training involves acquiring finely-honed technique and performance artistry preparing them to be Principal Dancers of the future.

*“My time spent at Goh Ballet Academy taught me all the skills
I needed to thrive in a professional environment.”*
— James Stout

*“Goh (Ballet) gave me the foundation to a wonderful and
fulfilling ballet career that I am so grateful for.”*
— Frances Chung

Prima & Prima Advance

Programs designed for students who have completed their RAD Grade 6 for Prima Dance and RAD Advanced 1 exam (or equivalent) and up for Prima Advance. Prima Dance and Prima Advance provides a dynamic range of training across multiple dance genres without having to switch to a combined academic/dance program during the high school years. This new curriculum delivered after school, allows the flexibility to further the exuberance of dance while at the same time continuing with regular academic school commitments, developing a pathway to university. Students will likely stay in each level for 2 years based on learning outcome.

Classical Ballet 1 & 2

For dancers from ages 7 to 14 who are joining our academy with little dance experience and would like an intensive program to propel them to work to their potential, we offer this accelerated program and a chance to build their skills with our esteemed faculty.

Pre-Professional Division

- Ages 10+
- Select Pre-Professional Classes: Jewel 1 & 2

This invitation-only division offers smaller class sizes with specialized instruction in the Vaganova technique. Students are typically aged 11 to 13 years and are provided with more intense instruction in pointe work and perform individual choreography which has been prepared for the students.



Studio Rentals

Goh Ballet Bayview is home to three professional dance studios with fixed and portable barres as well as sprung dance floors. We accommodate studio rentals where our schedule allows.

To rent our studios for your project, please email us with enquiries and questions regarding times and rates.

Bayview@GohBallet.com

Adult Classes

Our Adult Ballet drop-in classes offer several benefits for overall wellness. A total body and mind workout set to classical piano music, our adult classes utilize fundamental ballet movement technique to shape, lengthen and tone your muscles. Whether you have a background in dance, or have never danced before, you can drop-in to a class level that is right for you!



Dance With Us

Registration for Goh Ballet Bayview's programs is now open. Please contact us to receive the registration package and to book an evaluation assessment where necessary.

Evaluation Assessments

For prospective students ages 7+, an evaluation assessment is necessary for proper placement into our programs. Private assessments can be booked over the phone anytime. Group evaluation assessments and auditions are also held during higher intake periods throughout the year.

**Visit GohBallet.com/evaluations-auditions
or email Bayview@GohBallet.com**



"Inspired dance is not the result of physical exercise alone; truly great dance requires the care and dedication of the whole person. Ballet transcends individuals, shaping the creative culture and imaginative vision of our society."



— Chan Hon Goh C.M., *Director*



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