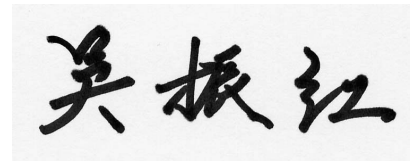


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## **INTERVIEW & PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: CANADIAN BALLERINA HOSTS CHINESE DELEGATE DINNER ENCOURAGING FUTURE ARTISTIC CULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS**



*Toronto, Ontario, Canada...Wednesday October 13, 2004...*

Canadian ballerina **CHAN HON GOH** will be hosting a special welcoming dinner at The Lai Wah Heen restaurant at The Metropolitan Hotel Toronto, for important Chinese delegates visiting Canada for the very first time. The President of the Chinese People's association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) along with other high positioned government officials will be accompanying him from Beijing, China on October 14, 2004.

◀Chan Hon Goh as Odette in *Swan Lake*. Photo by Cylla von Tiedemann. Courtesy The National Ballet of Canada.

***"It's a privilege for me to host this dinner for these exceptional guests from Beijing, especially since it's their very first time in our country. Opportunities for artists to dance or perform in China are rare to come by and by hosting this special event, I hope to further foster the artistic and cultural relationship of our two countries,"*** says Chan Hon Goh. In the past CPAFFC has hosted the Vancouver Goh Ballet in China, on numerous performance tours. Ms Goh hopes to take this relationship to the next level, having the CPAFFC additionally host professional Canadian artists for performances and appearances in China.

The CPAFFC is a foreign affair association which objectives are to: promote friendship, understanding and goodwill between the people from cities of other nations; to promote friendly relations with other countries; to facilitate exchange and cooperation in such fields as economy, science and culture, and education and safeguard world peace. The special guests from China include: President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, **Chen Haosu**; **Zhou Ruiming**; European Affairs Department Vice Director General, **Ji Bin**; Cultural Exchange Department Vice Division Director, **Xu Jianxia**; European Affairs Department Vice Division Director, **Zhang Runing**; Organization Department of the CPC Central Committee Vice Division Director, **Sun De**. Other invited guests include: Host of Toronto Tonight (Toronto 1), **Ben Chin**; Consul General of The People's Republic of China, **Madame Chen Xiao Ling**; Cultural Consul, **Madame Shi Jian Dong** and Former Mayor of Toronto, **Barbara Hall**.

### **INTERVIEW & PHOTO OPPORTUNITY DETAILS:**

**WHAT:** Media are invited to meet the Chinese Delegates, listen to the welcoming speech and recognitions and receive interview opportunities with Chan Hon Goh and others.

**WHEN:\*** **Thursday October 14, 2004 (7:45 – 8:30pm).**  
7:45 to 8:00 pm, welcome speech and recognitions,  
8:00 to 8:30 pm, interviews granted to the media

**WHERE:** **The Metropolitan Hotel Toronto, Lai Wah Heen Restaurant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,**  
**108 Chestnut Street** (between University & Bay Streets north of Queen) 416-977-9899

**WHY:** Come out and support the arts.

**Refreshments/snacks will be available for the media.**

\*schedule subject to change

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