

## **Canada's National Ballet School Announces Inaugural Recipient of the Chan Hon Goh Scholarship**

TORONTO, ON (February 3, 2014) – Canada's National Ballet School (NBS) is proud to announce the creation of the **Chan Hon Goh Scholarship**. Established by the Federation of Chinese Canadian Professionals (FCCP) Education Foundation in honour of Chan Hon Goh, the scholarship will ensure student financial assistance at NBS remains a priority, while recognizing excellence in a senior student selected to receive the support.

Ms. Goh is an accomplished and gifted Canadian dance artist who has developed her talents into multiple artistic channels including a stellar dance career as one of the leading stars with both The National Ballet of Canada (NBoC) and The Suzanne Farrell Ballet. She also frequently appeared as a guest artist with dance companies around the world and often produces full evening programmes of dance. Ms. Goh is also a successful entrepreneur and operates her own dance supply company, as well as being a published author.

"As with many talented young dancers, the opportunity to pursue a full-time education in dance can be a dream that is just out of reach, due to financial circumstances," says Dr. John Chiu, former president of the FCCP Education Foundation. "Like Ms. Goh and NBS, we believe that talented children should be given the chance to pursue their dream of a professional dance career without the additional challenge of financial hardship."

To honour Ms. Goh, the FCCP will provide a scholarship in the amount of \$3,500 for five years, to be given to a student annually. The inaugural recipient is Calley Skalnik, currently in NBS' Post-Secondary Program and joining NBoC as an apprentice in their 2014/2015 season.

"This Scholarship will help the School honour its cornerstone philosophy that talent is the sole criterion for entry into the Professional Ballet Program, regardless of an aspirant's financial circumstances," Mavis Staines, Artistic Director and CEO of Canada's National Ballet School says. "We are sincerely grateful for the FCCP's decision to celebrate Ms. Goh's accomplishments while supporting an NBS student."

### **About Canada's National Ballet School**

Established in 1959, Canada's National Ballet School is a world leader in the training of professional dancers and teachers. Dedicated to moving the world by teaching and celebrating dance, NBS is committed to promoting the art of dance through community engagement in addition to offering recreational and professional programs. NBS graduates can be found as dancers, choreographers, artistic directors, teachers and administrators in over 65 dance companies worldwide, and in even more schools around the globe. For more information, please visit: [www.nbs-enb.ca](http://www.nbs-enb.ca).

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