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## Goh Ballet puts a Positive Spin on Time Lost during BC Teachers Strike

*The Cornerstone Dance Organization Steps up to Provide Dance Education through Special Daytime Program for Students in our Community*

**September 2, 2014 – Vancouver, BC...** As the BC Teachers Strike continues, at the eleventh-hour, the Goh Ballet has created a special daytime program to provide much needed support for parents who require care for their children during the BC Teachers Strike. The program is currently scheduled for September 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 8:30am – 3:00pm and will continue into subsequent weeks should the strike persist.

Students enrolled will be able to take full advantage of this time to benefit from ballet classes (taught by Goh Ballet's award winning and Royal Academy of Dance certified instructors), dance history lessons, choreographic labs, as well as mentorship through witnessing the Senior Professional Dancers train and rehearse. It is a program offering a unique chance to further dance comprehension, build motivation, and break through barriers.

*"As a parent myself, I realize the challenges that can accompany something as displacing as this strike" states Chan Hon Goh, Director of Goh Ballet. "I knew that we had to do whatever we could to assist families as they look towards a very busy September. We see this as an opportunity for students to gain additional Artistic Education while they are not in academic school."*

The Goh Ballet's special daytime program is open to students ages 7 – 12 and costs only the subsidized amount of \$40 per day. As mentioned above, this special program is planned to run as long as the strike continues. Goh Ballet's teachers and staff are coming together to show their care and to do their part so that precious time is not lost for education. Goh Ballet is the only dance organization to spear head this unique program.

For more information visit [www.gohballet.com](http://www.gohballet.com) or call the Goh Ballet Office 604.872.4014.

### **About Goh Ballet**

At the forefront of the dance and arts communities in Vancouver for over 35 years, Goh Ballet believes in fostering local talents and is the training ground for future dance professionals. The Academy offers diversity of programming that empowers youth, building a greater awareness of themselves through expression in the dance vocabulary as well as empathy for others, while sowing the seeds for healthy living through exercise. A multitude of classes are available for children and adults with extensive curriculum. The Goh Ballet furthers dancers' dedication to world-class training with the Goh Ballet Youth Company Canada which provides performance and touring opportunities essential for those striving for a career in dance.

The Goh Ballet is consistently committed to technical excellence showcased through a wide-ranging and ever expanding repertoire of classical and contemporary ballet, jazz, character and Chinese dance. Goh Ballet has trained students that have received medals and first prizes at the world's most prestigious dance competitions. Its influence is also felt internationally where Goh Ballet graduates have gone on to fill the ranks of top notch companies all over the world. It is this commendable success that has merited invitations to perform at numerous civic, corporate and charitable events each year locally and internationally.

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