

# FAST FACTS Goh Ballet's The Nutcracker

The Lower Mainland's families will once again visit The Centre in Vancouver to indulge in a beautiful night of dance with Goh Ballet's *The Nutcracker*. From December 14<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>, the classical ballet performances will capture the hearts of those both young and young at heart.

- Thousands of families have created a holiday tradition of watching Goh Ballet's *The Nutcracker*. 2017 is the ninth year of the performance in Vancouver, with each year featuring new elements and updated choreography, as well as a brand-new cast.
- This year, the Goh Ballet is thrilled to have Jerome Tisserand and Elizabeth Murphy from the esteemed Pacific Northwest Ballet as Principal Dancers, portraying the Cavalier Prince and the Sugarplum Fairy, respectively. They will be performing alongside more than two hundred local and international talents.
- Guest dancers Wu Dianyu and Xu Ziyu from the National Ballet of China will also feature in this year's performance of Goh Ballet's The Nutcracker.
- Adonis Daukaev, former Principal Dancer and choreographer at the Pfalztheater Kaiserslautern, Germany, portrays the mysterious Drosslemeyer in *The Nutcracker*, displaying both charismatic dance as well as sleight of hand magic on stage!
- The incomparable Anna Marie Holmes, who has won an Emmy for her staging of "Le Corsaire", provides choreography for Goh Ballet's *The Nutcracker*. Choreography will be set to Tchaikovsky's unforgettable Nutcracker Suite.
- Beautifully intricate sets and over 200 shimmering costumes compliment
  the talented dancers who will be performing to a live score courtesy of the
  acclaimed Vancouver Opera Orchestra. Pierre Lavoie will once again be
  featured as the Lighting Designer for this year's show, setting the scene in
  nineteenth century Germany and the timeless land of the Sugar Plum
  Fairies.
- Goh Ballet's The Nutcracker is proud to welcome back the support of Production Title Sponsor, De Beers Diamond Jewellers for a second year.

- The Nutcracker is truly a family affair with the illustrious Chan Hon Goh as Executive Producer, and Goh Ballet founder, Choo Chiat Goh, serving as Artistic Director. In 2017, Mr. Goh was awarded the Mayor's Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement for his contributions to the dance, both in the Lower Mainland and around the world.
- The Nutcracker debuted in 1892 and follows young Clara and her beloved Nutcracker through an unforgettable tale as she battles the evil Mouse King and his army, and then travels to the Land of Snow, the Lemonade Sea and finally, the Kingdom of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

### **Dates and Times of Performances:**

December 14, 15, 18 and 19 at 7:30pm December 16 at 2:00pm and 7:30pm December 17 at 3:00pm and 7:30pm

#### Location:

The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts 777 Homer Street Vancouver. BC

# For more information and to purchase tickets, visit:

www.GohNutcracker.com

#### About Goh Ballet:

Since 1978, Vancouver, Canada has been home to the Goh Ballet, a vibrant, innovative and diverse dance organization. Under the direction of Chan Hon Goh since 2010, the organization is following the vision of its founders while expanding on current artistic aspirations. A company that pursues technical and artistic excellence while raising cultural awareness in our communities through performance productions, the Goh Ballet is synonymous with excellence, training talent and fostering the presentation of classical ballet. It provides extraordinary opportunities for dancers to reach their full potential, while contributing to the artistic well being of our city and country. At the forefront of the arts community, Goh Ballet has been invited to perform around the world, including tours to the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, France and the U.S.A.

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