Canadian Ballet Troupe for 1984 Singapore Arts Festival

Plans are well advanced to have Les Grands Ballets Canadiens (LGBC) open the Singapore Festival of Arts in June, 1984. Mr. Colin McIntyre, Director-General of the company, visited Singapore in July to discuss arrangements with officials in the Ministry of Culture.

Les Grands Ballets Canadiens will be undertaking a major tour of the Asian region next year. The troupe will also perform in Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhang in the People's Republic of China, as well as in Hong Kong, Bangkok, Seoul, and several cities in Japan. The tour will last 9½ weeks and is sponsored by the Department of External Affairs, Royal Bank of Canada, Canadian Pacific Airlines, and the Government of Quebec.

Mr. McIntyre visited Bangkok as well on his advance tour of the region. He was able to make a good start on an agreement of sponsorship with the Siam Kolkarn Music Foundation. Three performances are contemplated in Bangkok: 3-5 June, 1984. In addition, the troupe hope to give two matinee performances for the purpose of introducing ballet to children in Thailand.

Les Grands Ballets Canadiens is based in Montreal and is highly regarded as a company which maintains the rich traditions of the ballet classics, such as Swan Lake, while introducing its audience to the best works of 20th century classics and more avant-garde and innovative works of the present. The troupe has an extensive regular season in Canada and performs with great success in Europe, United States, and South America.

Jerilyn Dana and David La Hay perform in Les Grand Ballets Canadiens production of "Othello".

Microprocessors for Industrial Management

A course for industrial managers is currently being planned by TECHNONET ASIA and a Canadian-based microelectronics firm specializing in industrial applications. The first course will be organized in Singapore from 11-14 January, and the second (a repetition) will take place in Manila from 18-21 January 1984.

In essence, the course will enable managers to:

- gain an understanding of microprocessor basics without becoming an expert user;
- appreciate the history of the field and its prognosis in order to put rapidly occurring changes in perspective;
- understand and make decisions related to overall technology needs;
- have a good perception of the decisions involved in microelectronics usage and the possible ramifications of these decisions; and
- grasp the cost implications of new technology, manpower, equipment and software.

The two courses will be conducted under the auspices of The Microelectronics Centre, University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, which will provide two experts with extensive industrial, business and teaching experience to lead the courses.

Lectures and discussions will be supported by case studies, demonstrations and practical hands-on laboratory sessions to enlighten participants on the essentials of microprocessors and microcomputers and their application from a manager's point of view, rather than from a technical specialist's viewpoint.

The courses will be unique in that they address the concepts of industrially-oriented managers, rather than just the traditional concerns of business managers in the office information processing sense. The perspective is primarily focused on industrial applications and will thus cover micro electronics and microprocessing in real time application areas. The courses will go "beyond the keyboard", addressing those applications where a "computer" is really only a small component of a much larger system.

The courses are designed for those managers from non-electronic and electronic companies, as well as government and other institutions, whose work requires a general knowledge of the microprocessor and its applications. No direct experience with microprocessors or related devices is required.

Participation will be limited to 20 participants per venue and interested parties are requested to contact:

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