



Canada's leading ballerina, Karen Kain of Mississauga, will be appearing, courtesy of her own company — the National Ballet of Canada — as special guest artist with the Ballets de Marseille Roland Petit when it tours Canada for seven weeks this year.

Kain in concert

In September, Mississauga ballet star Karen Kain will perform a new and unique dance movement.

Kain will dance as the special guest artist — in the title role of Carmen — with The Ballets de Marseille Roland Petit on Sept. 21 and 22 at Hamilton Place.

This is the first time a Canadian star has ever headlined a foreign company on Canadian soil. She will tour with the company for seven weeks.

Kain, 25, made headlines in the Paris newspapers' entertainment

pages after her Carmen performance last fall. Then she was labelled: "Karen Kain the perfect Carmen".

The renowned ballerina was born in Hamilton, Ont. She took her first dance lessons at the age of nine and she entered the National Ballet School when she was 11.

Kain is a Member of the Order of Canada and a silver medalist in international ballet competitions. She appeared as the Swan Queen in Swan Lake with the Company corps in 1970.