

Kain acclaimed in Ottawa

Mississauga's own Karen Kain dazzled ballet fans in Ottawa last week — her first stop in a cross-country tour. Her interpretation of Carmen was proclaimed fiery and sensuous.

The twenty-five-year-old ballerina will be appearing with the Ballets de Marseille Roland Petit on Sept. 20 and 21 at Hamilton Place.

The 50-member French troupe is in Canada on a cultural exchange between the governments.

Kain danced the lead role in Carmen last year in France and was acclaimed internationally. Last week's performance in Ottawa earned four curtain calls along with cheers and standing ovations.

In 1973, she won the silver medal in the solo women's division and the gold in the pas de deux category at the Second International Ballet Competition in Moscow.

This year she was invested as an Officer of the Order of Canada.