

Ice Fantasia

2011

Unionville Skating Club



April 15-17, 2011



Ice Fantasia 2011 Information for Skaters and Their Families

For many of you, Ice Fantasia 2011 will be your first ice show production at Unionville Skating Club and what a wonderful opportunity this is!

Since our beginning, back in 1950, Unionville Skating Club has produced over 45 Ice Fantasia productions and this year, we celebrate our 46th!

Ice Fantasia is a biannual production at Unionville Skating Club and without a doubt, this highly anticipated event is a highlight for all of our skaters, both big and small. This event provides each one of our ~450 skaters with an opportunity to showcase their skills, talents, and spirit to over 2500 enthusiastic guests in 4 shows. It is a production full of lights, costumes and music – and certainly no shortage of FUN!

*Welcome to this Magical
Production : April 15-17 at
Crosby Memorial Arena*

Overview of the Show

To refer to Ice Fantasia as ‘Magical’ is only appropriate. With over 700 rink-side seats, the ice surface painted sky blue, lighting and cameras installed throughout the arena - the setting for Ice Fantasia is quite unrecognizable. Waiting, in eager anticipation behind the curtains or in the change-rooms, skaters in full costume await their moment to shine.....that moment when the real magic begins.

Professionally directed by our very own Sandra Osbaldeston-Fountain, Ice Fantasia is an event like none other, an event for ALL of our skaters. It is a true celebration of their hard work and achievements and a moment of ‘stardom’ that will last a lifetime.



A “court” is a group of skaters who perform to a choreographed routine.

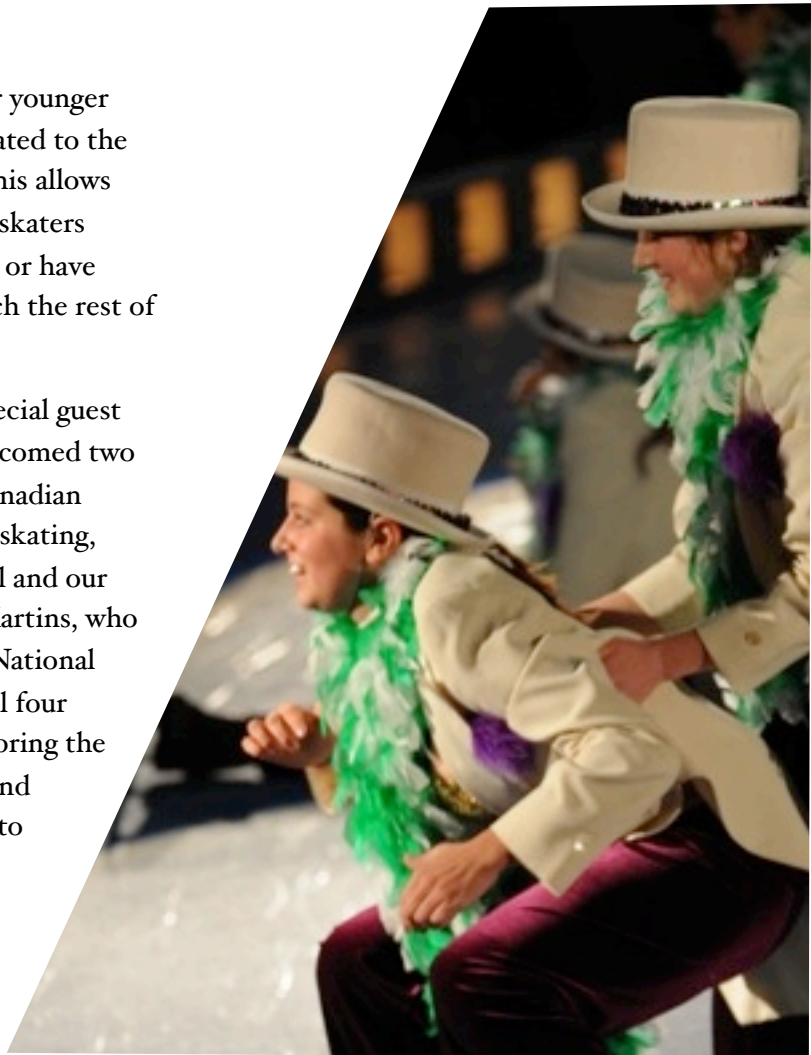
For the most part, skaters perform in groups of similar ability. Each group, referred to as a “Court”, skates in costume to a choreographed routine with music. For some of our more senior skaters, there are opportunities for “Solo” performances, or “Feature” performances where 2 or 3 skaters perform together.

The show is divided into two Acts. Recognizing the age of some of our younger skaters, Act One is primarily dedicated to the Preschool and CanSkate courts. This allows parents the flexibility to take their skaters home following their performance, or have them join them in the seats to watch the rest of the show together.

Each show also hosts some very special guest skaters. In 2009, USC proudly welcomed two of Canada’s best skating teams: Canadian National Bronze medalists in pairs skating, Mylène Brodeur and John Mattatall and our very own, Alvin Chau and Olivia Martins, who placed 7th at the Canadian Junior National Championships in ice dance. At all four shows, these teams never failed to bring the audience to their feet! As skaters and guests will attest to, it is one thing to see lifts and jumps performed on television – it is definitely another, when they are performed only 5 or 6 feet away. Truly breathtaking!

Costs

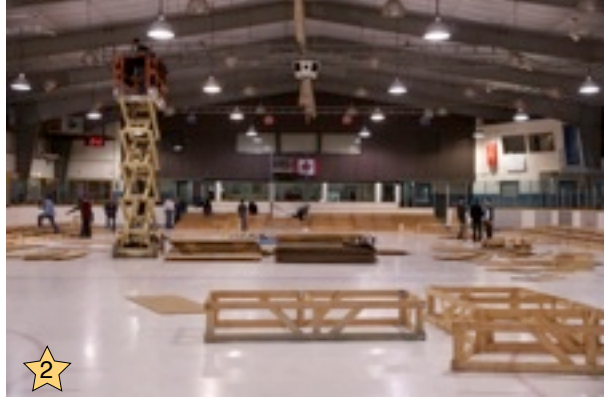
There are no additional costs for your skater to participate in Ice Fantasia 2011¹. Costumes for the show are rented by the club and each skater is provided a new pair of skating tights. The costumes are returned following the final performance of Ice Fantasia 2011. Skaters keep their skating tights.



1. Intermediate, Senior and Advanced skaters performing in more than 1 court will be required to pay additional costume fees.

...☆☆☆ The magic all starts with Crosby Memorial.....

Our hometown arena like you've never seen it before.





What is Involved for Skaters?

Right Away - Costume Measurement

Between October and December, STARSkaters will be measured for their costume by one of our Ice Show volunteers. Pre-school and CanSkaters will be measured in early January.

Once the dates for costume measurement are set, we will post them in the lobby of Crosby arena, on our website and also send out an email communiqué.

Please make every attempt to attend your skater's measurement session as we have over 450 skaters to get to!

March 7, 2011 - Practices Begin!

On March 7, we will begin practicing for Ice Fantasia 2011. At this point, the routines will all be choreographed, the music set and the skaters ready for the challenge ahead. Skaters will be grouped into "courts" of similar ability and practices will be scheduled accordingly. (Ice Fantasia practices will replace previous skating sessions and skaters will practice in their 'courts'.) Every effort will be made to align your skater's Ice Fantasia practices with their previously scheduled skating session(s). A detailed schedule will be provided in February.

With the exception of March Break, practices for Ice Fantasia will continue right up until showtime, April 15-17. During the final 2 weeks, we will have 3 "Continuity" practices, where the skaters practice in the order in which they will skate during the show, a Technical Rehearsal, a Production Rehearsal and a Dress Rehearsal. Once again, a detailed schedule will be provided in advance of these rehearsals so that skaters are 'in and out' as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Costumes will be provided to the skaters on Photo Day, April 10, (see below) and at the dress rehearsal. Any final adjustments can be made at these times.



Photo Day

Sunday, April 10, 2011

A professional photographer will be available to photograph the skaters in costume on Sunday, April 10. Both group ("court") and individual photographs will be taken. Professional video services will also be available during the show. More information will be provided closer to Photo Day.



Volunteers & Sponsorship

Ice Fantasia is a truly magical event for our skaters and the memories that it creates last a lifetime. **However, as a not-for-profit organization, Ice Fantasia would simply not be possible if not for the efforts of our many, many volunteers and the generous support of our local community businesses.**

There are literally **hundreds** of opportunities to be involved in Ice Fantasia 2011! In 2009, there were over 700 volunteer opportunities in total - ranging in commitment from one hour up. During each of the four shows, over 100 volunteers managed all of the action 'behind the scenes'. And, after the final curtain, it was those ear-to-ear smiles that said it all,

"Thank You, Thank You".

Please consider giving generously of your time.

Producing Ice Fantasia is also no small financial feat. In 2009, over \$20,000 was raised to support the production and help offset the many costs such as ice time, costume rentals, lighting, audio, props and seating for Crosby Memorial. **Please help us to raise money in support of Ice Fantasia 2011.** Details of our Advertising and Sponsorship program can be obtained at our Club Office or by email usbulletins@rogers.com.

Solos/Features

Advanced and Senior skaters wishing to be considered for a solo and/or feature performance in Ice Fantasia 2011 must be registered for a minimum of 2 sessions during each of the Fall and Winter programs. Consideration will be given to Skate Canada Test achievements, tenure with USC and participation in external competitions. Skaters will be assigned to courts appropriate for their individual skating abilities at the sole discretion of the Ice Fantasia Director.





For More Information

Throughout the year, we will do our very best to keep you informed of all aspects of Ice Fantasia 2011. To do this, we will use a variety of communication channels including lobby posters, skater memos, newsletters, email and web. A copy of all Ice Fantasia 2011 communiqué will also be available on our website, www.unionvilleskatingclub.com. And, if you are not on our email distribution list, and would like to be, please contact usbulletins@rogers.com.

Should you have any other questions or concerns related to Ice Fantasia 2011, please do not hesitate to contact any of our producers, Nancy DiTomaso (nancyditomaso@rogers.com), Linda Grott (lmgrott@rogers.com) or Carolyn Teehan (cteehan@rogers.com).



It's SHOWTIME!