



COUNTDOWN TO SHOWTIME - APRIL 15, 16, 17

Ice Fantasia 2011 is quickly approaching! **The purpose of the attached information is to ensure that all skaters and parents are aware of the schedule of events and requirements as we move towards the show.**

April 8 - 17 is a very busy time for everyone involved in Ice Fantasia and the following information will help you understand when your skater(s) needs to be at practices. Parents are welcome at all practices and rehearsals. **However, the dress rehearsal on April 14 is limited to one parent per family.** Tickets for the dress rehearsal will be provided to skaters during the final week of continuity practices.

With over 450 skaters, three synchronized skating teams, special guest skaters and many parent volunteers involved in each show, we need to be organized!

We are doing our best and your support and understanding are greatly appreciated. The whole reason for doing this show? FUN!!!!

Let's make sure everyone enjoys the experience.



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1. CONTINUITY REHEARSALS:
Friday April 8, Saturday April 9 and Monday April 11

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR SKATER HAS SKATE GUARDS Labeled with their name FOR ALL PRACTICES STARTING APRIL 8TH.

The purpose of the continuity rehearsals is to bring the show together from the beginning to the end, in sequence. Up to this point each court has rehearsed separately. These rehearsals provide the “flow of the show” and clarify entrances, exits and cues for the skaters and volunteers.

Upon arrival, skaters should determine the area within the arena where their court will gather. This first night will be a little confusing to say the least. Signs will be posted to provide assistance.

Please note: Your skater may only need to skate their court once. After they skate they are free to go.

1. CONTINUITY #1 - Friday April 8

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| 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. | Closing entire cast (Int., Sr., Adv.) |
| 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. | Opening & CanSkate C court #1 |
| 5:30 – 5:45 p.m. | Flood |
| 5:45 – 7:15 p.m. | All skaters in the first half (except Opening, CanSkate C court #1, Pre-School, All Sparkling Ice Teams, Solo's and Features) |
| 7:15 – 7:30 p.m. | Flood |
| 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. | All skaters in the second half |



2. CONTINUITY #2 - Saturday April 9

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| 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. | All skaters in the first half including Pre-School and Solo's & Features (except Opening, CanSkate C court #1 and All Sparkling Ice Teams) |
| 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. | Flood |
| 10:45 - 11:15 a.m. | Beginner II Sparkling Ice Team |
| 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. | Elementary Sparkling Ice Team |
| 11:45 - 12:15 p.m. | Novice Sparkling Ice Team |
| 12:15 - 12:30 p.m. | Flood |
| 12:30 - 1:00 p.m. | Opening & CanSkate C court #1 |
| 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | All skaters in the second half.... All skaters in the second half will be expected to stay for the entire 2 hours as the Finale will be done. |

3. CONTINUITY #3 - Monday April 11

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| 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. | All skaters in the first half (except Opening, CanSkate C court #1, Pre-School, All Sparkling Ice Teams, Solo's and Features) |
| 6:30 - 6:45 p.m. | Flood |
| 6:45 - 7:15 p.m. | Opening and CanSkate C court #1 |
| 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. | All skaters in the second half |

2. TECHNICAL REHEARSAL - TUESDAY APRIL 12

The purpose of the technical rehearsal is to allow the skaters to become familiar with the arena as it is fully set up for Ice Fantasia with spotlights and staging and to allow the technical aspects of the show to be tested - lights, sound, sets, props.

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| 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. | All Sparkling Ice Teams (schedule to Follow) |
| 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. | Flood |
| 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | All skaters in the first half (except Sparkling Ice Teams) |
| 7:30 - 7:45 p.m. | Flood |
| 7:45 - 9:00 p.m. | All skaters in the second half |



3. PRODUCTION REHEARSAL - WEDNESDAY APRIL 13

Some skaters may be asked to wear their costumes and make-up this evening. This allows production staff to look at the costumes with lighting and staging.

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| 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. | Solo and Feature practice |
| 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. | Flood |
| 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | All skaters in the first half (<u>except Pre-School</u>) |
| 7:30- 7:45 p.m. | Flood |
| 7:45 - 9:00 p.m. | All skaters in the second half |

4. DRESS REHEARSAL and SHOW TIMES!

THURSDAY APRIL 14, FRIDAY APRIL 15, SATURDAY APRIL 16 AND SUNDAY APRIL 17

All skaters in the first half need to be on hand at 6:00pm SHARP for Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening performances and 12:00noon SHARP for Saturday and Sunday matinee performances.

4.1. FIRST HALF SKATERS

Skaters who are in the first half only, need to enter and exit through the front doors of the arena. Please pull up to the door, drop your skater off and Janice Pickering (CanSkate Ice Supervisor) will be there with parent volunteers to escort your skater(s) to the appropriate dressing room. Skaters in the first half will be available for pick-up at the front doors of the arena by 8:30 p.m. for evening performances and 2:30 p.m. for afternoon performances. THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN IS OUR HIGHEST CONCERN.

4.2. SECOND HALF SKATERS

Please enter and exit at the back doors of the arena. Second half skaters will be finished by 10:00 p.m. for evening performances and 4:00 p.m. for afternoon performances.



4.3. DRESS REHEARSAL - THURSDAY APRIL 14

Dress rehearsal is the entire cast with lights, make-up and costumes. We have invited special guests for the performance to preview the show. **ONE PARENT PER FAMILY IS PERMITTED TO ATTEND.** Tickets for the dress rehearsal will be provided to the skaters during the final week of continuity practices. Please present this ticket to gain entry to the audience seating.

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| 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. | Solo and Feature practice |
| 6:00 p.m. | Entire cast arrives and proceeds to dressing rooms |
| 7:00 p.m. | SHOW TIME! |

Skaters in the first half only will be released between 8:30 - 8:45 p.m. at the front doors.

PLEASE, PLEASE BE ON TIME.....

4.4. SHOW TIMES

4.4.1. FRIDAY APRIL 15 - EVENING SHOW

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| 6:00 p.m. | Entire cast to be on hand |
| 7:00 p.m. | Show Time! |

4.4.2. SATURDAY APRIL 16 - MATINEE SHOW

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|------------|---------------------------|
| 12:00 p.m. | Entire cast to be on hand |
| 1:00 p.m. | Show Time! |

4.4.3. SATURDAY APRIL 16 - EVENING SHOW

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| 6:00 p.m. | Entire cast to be on hand |
| 7:00 p.m. | Show Time! |

4.4.4. SUNDAY APRIL 17 - MATINEE SHOW

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|------------|---------------------------|
| 12:00 p.m. | Entire cast to be on hand |
| 1:00 p.m. | Show Time! |

5. PARKING AND SHOW ENTRANCE

Please advise your family and friends, who are attending the show that **parking is a major problem.** Allow extra time to park...there is parking at Parkview School which is behind the arena, at TooGood Pond and on all the side streets.



6. ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Starting at the Dress Rehearsal on Thursday, April 14, all first half skaters need to be dropped off at the front doors of the arena. The first half of the show consists of all Pre-School, CanSkate A, CanSkate B, CanSkate C and CanPower skaters. Skaters in the first half of the show are to be picked up at the front doors at intermission, which is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes after the show begins.

The second half of the show consists of all Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate, Senior and Advanced skaters. Please enter and exit through the back of the arena from April 14th onward until the completion of the show.

ON SATURDAY APRIL 16 WE WANT ALL SKATERS TO LEAVE THE ARENA AND HAVE A BREAK BETWEEN SHOWS - THERE WILL NOT BE ANY SUPERVISION AVAILABLE AT THE ARENA BETWEEN 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

7. SAFETY

The safety of our skaters is our number one priority. As such, WE INSIST THAT.....

Backstage is reserved for performers and stage crew.

Only those assigned to the dressing rooms will be allowed in.

No skater may be taken from the dressing room once he/she is in costume.

Parents are to send written permission to the dressing room attendant if their child is to join them for the second half of the show. Please attach your child's ticket to the note. USHERS WILL BRING YOUR CHILD TO YOU AT A CONVENIENT BREAK IN THE PROGRAM OR AT THE INTERMISSION.

8. HAIR AND MAKE-UP

Specific hairstyles will be required for each court depending on costume accessories. We will advise closer to show time.

Skaters are responsible for their own make-up. Please apply make-up at home before coming to the arena. EARTH TONE EYE SHADOWS, PINK BLUSH AND BRIGHT RED LIPSTICK. It is very important for your skater to wear make-up under the lights.



9. COSTUMES

Costumes are not to be worn in the audience at any time. Please remember your costume has been made especially for you. Take good care and do not eat or drink while in costume. Please note: all costumes will be returned to Unionville Costume Rental at the end of the show.

10. DRESSING ROOMS

Please pack quiet activities for the change room, such as colouring books, crayons, and stickers. We discourage expensive electronic toys in case they are accidentally placed in the wrong skating bag.

11. REMINDERS FOR SKATERS!

Please bring your skates - DO NOT arrive at the arena wearing your skates.

Please make sure you have skate guards labeled with your name.

Please make sure laces and skates are clean.

Dress comfortably for quick changing - No pullover sweaters please! No jewellery!

Socks should not show above the boot top of your skates.

Bra straps must not show.

Please make sure all bobby pins, hair clips and barrettes are secure. Anything falling on the ice is dangerous.

As part of your costume you will be given tights. These will be provided to you at the dress rehearsal or earlier. Please make sure you wear the tights for each of the shows. If your costume doesn't require tights (costumes that are pants) you will not receive a pair.



12. PHOTOGRAPHY DURING THE SHOW

The lighting for the show is very good for the audience and for the skaters, but almost impossible for still cameras. It is very difficult to get a good photo when the skaters are on the ice. **FLASH CAMERAS MUST NOT BE USED DURING SHOW TIMES.** IT IS A DISTRACTION TO THE SKATERS.

Professional photography has been arranged for Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10. Both individual and group photographs will be taken on these days. Please refer to section 17, "Ice Fantasia Photo Day & Schedule" for further details.

13. VIDEOTAPING

Parents wishing to videotape their children or the show should do so at the dress rehearsal. This is when the best positions are available. Tripods may be used, but it is on a first come, first serve basis. You may tape during the regular performances as long as it does not interfere with the view of others. No tripods may be used during the show performances.

Professional videography will also be available during the shows. DVD's will be available for pre-order at the dress rehearsal and during all Ice Fantasia performances. Payment can be made by either cash or cheque.

14. FLOWERS & GIFTS

Flowers and other gift items will be for sale in the lobby during show times!

15. CONCESSION (Food and Drinks)

During the final week of continuity practices and rehearsals and at all Ice Fantasia performances, pizza, refreshments and munchies will be available for purchase.

16. TICKET SALES

All skaters in the first half of the show are able to watch the second half of the show. However, due to fire regulations, skaters must have a ticket in order to join their family in the audience.



Tickets are selling fast! If you have not already purchased your tickets please do so at your earliest convenience as it is reserved seating. General ticket sale times are Wednesday's 5-8pm, Thursday's 5-8pm and Saturday's 10:00am-2:00pm.

For further information concerning ticket sales, please contact Samira Haddad at usbulletins@rogers.com.

17. ICE FANTASIA PHOTO DAYS & SCHEDULE

On Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10, professional photographs will be taken of each skater in their costume. Both individual and group photographs will be taken. The photos will be taken at Crosby arena in the Lamplighter room upstairs.

The following tables provide the photography schedule for each day. As you will see, the schedules are very tight and it is imperative that your skater arrives on time for their photo. We will not be able to wait if your child arrives late so please be prompt. The schedule provides you with the time your child is to arrive and their pick up time.

Please note that for the safety of our skaters only those parents who have volunteered to assist with Photo Day will be permitted in the dressing rooms and photograph areas. These volunteers will assist skaters with their costumes and skates.

Upon arrival, parents must register their skater at the front registration desk. One of our volunteers will then escort the skater to their designated dressing room. At the appropriate pick-up time, parents must return to the registration desk to pick up their skater.

Skaters must arrive with their hair tied neatly back off of their face. Please apply makeup before you come to the arena and make sure you bring your skates and **skate guards**.

The photographs will be for sale in the lobby during the dress rehearsal and at all Ice Fantasia performances. Payment may be made by either cash or cheque. There will be several photo packages available, starting at \$25. Full details of all photo packages will be available at Photo Day.



PHOTO DAY SCHEDULE: SATURDAY, APRIL 9 AT CROSBY MEMORIAL ARENA

| Arrival | Court Name | Show Name | Pick Up |
|---------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| 3:15 | Intermediate, Court 1 | James Brown | 4:15 |
| 3:30 | Intermediate, Court 2 | Jackson 5 | 4:30 |
| 3:45 | Pre-Intermediate, Court 2 | The Black Eyed Peas | 4:45 |
| 4:00 | Pre-Intermediate, Court 1 | Cosmic Gate | 5:00 |
| 4:15 | Intermediate, Court 3 | Glee | 5:15 |
| 4:30 | Intermediate, Court 4 | Yolanda Be Cool | 5:30 |
| 4:45 | Pre-Intermediate, Court 4 | Elvis | 5:45 |
| 5:00 | Pre-Intermediate, Court 3 | Katy Perry | 6:00 |
| 5:15 | Intermediate, Court 5 | Safri Duo | 6:15 |
| 5:30 | Closing, Advanced | Disco | 6:30 |
| 5:45 | Closing, Senior | Disco | 6:45 |
| 6:00 | Closing, Intermediate | Disco | 7:00 |
| 6:15 | Opening, Advanced | Bollywood | 7:15 |
| 6:30 | Senior, Court 1 | Shakira | 7:30 |
| 6:45 | Senior, Court 2 | Miley Cyrus | 7:45 |
| 7:00 | Advanced, Court 2 | Michael Buble | 8:00 |
| 7:15 | Advanced, Court 1 | Little Richard | 8:15 |
| 7:30 | Senior, Court 3 | Louis Armstrong | 8:30 |
| 7:45 | Senior, Court 4 | The Beatles | 8:45 |
| 8:00 | Features and Duets | | 9:00 |
| 8:15 | Soloists | | 9:15 |



PHOTO DAY SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, APRIL 10 AT CROSBY MEMORIAL ARENA

| Arrival | Court Name | Show Name | Pick Up |
|------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 9:00 AM | CanSkate C, Court 1 | Bollywood | 10:00 |
| 9:15 | CanSkate B, Court 4 | The Lion King | 10:15 |
| 9:30 | CanSkate A, Court 3 | Beauty and the Beast | 10:30 |
| 9:45 | CanSkate B, Court 2 | 101 Dalmatians | 10:45 |
| 10:15 | CanSkate C, Court 3 | Peter Pan | 11:15 |
| 10:30 | CanSkate A, Court 1 | The Sound of Music | 11:30 |
| 10:45 | Pre-School Boys | Mickey | 11:45 |
| 11:00 | Pre-School Girls | Minnie | 12:00 NOON |
| 11:30 | CanPowerSkate | The Hunchback of Notre Dame | 12:30 |
| 11:45 | CanSkate C, Court 4 | Cinderella | 12:45 |
| 12:00 NOON | CanSkate B, Court 3 | The Little Mermaid | 1:00 |
| 12:15 | CanSkate A, Court 4 | Tarzan | 1:15 |
| 1:15 | CanSkate A, Court 2 | Pinocchio | 2:15 |
| 1:30 | CanSkate C, Court 2 | Toy Story | 2:30 |
| 1:45 | CanSkate B, Court 1 | Pirates of the Caribbean | 2:45 |
| 2:00 | CanSkate B, Court 6 | Ratatouille | 3:00 |
| 2:15 | CanSkate B, Court 5 | Enchanted | 3:15 |

18. Questions and Concerns

We realize this newsletter contains a lot of information concerning Ice Fantasia. We hope we have addressed all your questions, but if not, please feel free to contact any one of the following people:

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