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**ICE THEATRE OF NEW YORK
PRESENTS
2018 HOME SEASON
OCTOBER 12, 13, AND 15, 2018
AT SKY RINK, CHELSEA PIERS**

New York, NY: Ice Theatre of New York (ITNY) is proud to announce the launch of its 2018/2019 Season by bringing together world-class professional skaters at its 2018 Home Season at Sky Rink, Chelsea Piers in New York City.

The Home Season performances will take place on Friday, October 12, Saturday, October 13, and Monday, October 15 at 7:00 P.M. Performance only tickets range from **\$25 to \$50**.

Monday, October 15 will be ITNY's Benefit Gala and Performance which will honor World and Olympic Champion **Kristi Yamaguchi**, Ice Angel **Violet Eagan** and **Stephanee Grosscup** and **Kenny Moir** with the ITNY Alumni Award.

The Home Season will feature the World Premiere of four pieces. The first by Ensemble Director, Elisa Angeli which will be a group piece set entirely to the soundtracks of Fellini Films. The second is a solo by Lorna Brown from the world-renowned John Curry Company. The evening will also include two premieres by ITNY Ensemble members, a new solo by choreographer Joel Dear and a piece by Sally Jeanne Watkins titled "Helium" that will meld together the artistry of figure skating, pole dancing and aerial arts.

In addition to the premieres ITNY will be reprising works from their illustrious repertory including "2:1" by ice and dance choreographer David Liu and "Love Runs Out" by Elisa Angeli.

Skating..."combines and surpasses the joys of flying and dancing: only in certain type of dream do we ever else attain a higher degree of the same ravishing experience of exultantly skimming the earth." – **Ernest Jones, Biographer of Freud**

TICKETS:

Home Season performances -

Friday, October 12 @ 7:00 P.M. - \$25 side seating and \$50 center seating, and on ice seating \$500

Saturday, October 13 @ 7:00 P.M. - \$25 side seating, \$50 center seating, and on ice seating \$500

Monday, October 15 at 7:00 P.M. - \$25 side seating (Gala seating starts at \$500)

www.icetheatre.org/tickets

To schedule interviews with ITNY Founder/ Director Moira North, any of the ice dance performers, or to obtain high-res photos please contact Jirina Ribbens at 212.929.5811 or email itny@icetheatre.org.

About Ice Theatre of New York

Founded in 1984 by Moira North, Ice Theatre of New York (ITNY) has changed the face of figure skating by creating works that integrate the sensibilities of movement, music and art. Its mission is to elevate dance on ice as a performance art. Through its performances in both traditional and site-specific venues, ITNY presents ice dance that opens one's eyes to seeing skating in unexpected ways. ITNY was the first ice dance company to receive dance program funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, the New York State Council on the Arts and the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. In addition to building and performing works of artistic merit, ITNY also reaches out to the next generation of skaters and audiences through education, community outreach and training programs.

Kristi Yamaguchi - Honoree

Olympic champion Kristi Yamaguchi is a fourth-generation Japanese American. Her mother was born in an internment camp during World War II. Kristi had casts and braces on her feet from birth until about 2 years old to correct her feet and legs. She wanted to try skating after seeing a local ice show. She had fallen in love with the performances and the costumes, music, and lighting. It didn't hurt that skating also helped Kristi with strengthening and coordination. Kristi's favorite toy when she was a young girl was a Dorothy Hamill doll that she carried everywhere. Kristi started off skating both singles and pairs with Rudy Galindo. Together they won one Junior and two Senior Pair titles. In 1992 Kristi won the U.S. National Championships in singles and went on to win the Olympics in Albertville, France later that year. Kristi is also a two-time World Champion, four-time World Professional Champion, and she toured with Stars on Ice from 1993 to 2002. She is a NY Times best-selling author of her children's books *Dream Big Little Pig*, *It's a Big World Little Pig*, and *Cara's Kindness*. She has also appeared in several movies, television shows, and created the Always Dream Foundation for children. The foundation inspires underserved children to reach for their dreams through innovative reading programs, and by advancing the cause of early childhood literacy. Yamaguchi is a woman of many talents. Not only an accomplished skater, but, she took home the mirror ball trophy in season 6 of *Dancing with The Stars*. Today, she is married to Bret Hedican, who was also a 1992 Olympian, in hockey. She lives in Alamo, California with her husband and two daughters.

The **2018 Home Season** is supported, in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. ITNY is also supported by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, in partnership with the City Council, and NYC Council Member Mark Levine. Additionally, ITNY receives funding from Bloomberg Philanthropies, the Lisa McGraw Figure Skating Foundation, the Richard T. Button Foundation, the Victor C. and Clara C. Battin Foundation, the Will Sears Foundation, and its generous private patrons.

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