

CELEBRATING THE JOY OF DANCING ON ICE

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#### ICE THEATRE OF NEW YORK IS PROUD TO PRESENT 2019 HOME SEASON PERFORMANCES OCTOBER 18, 19, AND 21, 2019

**New York, NY: Ice Theatre of New York (ITNY)** is excited to announce that it will once again be bringing together world-class professional skaters at its 2019 Home Season Performances on October 18, 19, and 21, 2019 in New York City.

The Home Season will include new performances by the ITNY Ensemble, the ITNY Junior Ensemble as well as Hip-hop/Street Dance Skaters Zabato Bebe and Julien Dulière from Cirque Du Soleil's 'Crystal'. Repertory works to be shown include, "Presence" by McKnight Dance Fellow **Deneane Richburg,** a solo for African American company member Theron James - this piece acknowledges the presence and absence of blackness within the predominately white space of skating; "Arctic Memory" by dance choreographer **Jody Sperling**, commentary on climate change; an acclaimed ladies solo "When Atoms Embrace" choreographed by original John Curry Theatre of Skating member **Lorna Brown** and more!

"Ice Theatre of New York, long dedicated to developing skating as an art form through work with high-caliber choreographers, often from the dance world, regularly proves that there are far greater, and more expressive, options when blades meet the ice." – **Susan Reiter, NY Press** 

Performances start at 7:00 P.M. and tickets range from *\$25 to \$50*. Limited VIP seating on the ice is available at \$250 on Friday and Saturday nights.

The performance on Monday, October 21 will be followed by ITNY's Benefit Gala, which will honor one of the most revered and respected figure skating coaches in the world, **Frank Carroll** with its Lifetime Achievement Award. Our annual Ice Angel Award will go to the amazing **John & Amy Hughes and the Hughes Family** for all that they have done and continue to do for the worlds of figure skating and hockey. John and Amy are the parents of 2002 Olympic Champion **Sarah Hughes**.

On the night of the Gala the performance at Sky Rink will be followed by cocktails, dinner, live auction and awards at the Lighthouse, both on Pier 61 at Chelsea Piers. Benefit Gala tickets start at \$495. Please note that the performance will start promptly at 7:00 P.M.

## TICKETS:

Home Season performances Friday, October 18 at 7:00 P.M.
\$25 side seating and \$50 center seating, and limited on-ice seating \$250 Saturday, October 19 at 7:00 P.M.
\$25 side seating, \$50 center seating, and limited on-ice seating \$250 Monday, October 21 at 7:00 P.M.

- \$35 side seating, Gala seating starts at \$495

### Buy Tickets: <a href="http://www.icetheatre.org/tickets">www.icetheatre.org/tickets</a>

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.

The **2019 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.

# For more information on Ice Theatre of New York or to purchase tickets for upcoming shows call 212.929.5811, or visit <u>www.icetheatre.org</u>. Follow the Company on <u>FACEBOOK</u> - <u>TWITTER</u>

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## FRANK CARROLL:

Frank Carroll is one of the most revered and respected figure skating coaches in the

world. He is also one of the most successful coaches of all time based on the competitive success of his skaters and the longevity of his coaching career.

As a skater Mr. Carroll won three medals at the national level before turning pro and skating in the Ice Follies for a short time. He transitioned from skating to coaching in 1964 and currently holds a PSA Master Rating and a Level 10 PSA Ranking, the highest coaching ranking attainable. Mr. Carroll was selected as the PSA Coach of the Year in 1997, 2000 and 2001, and was the Olympic Coach of the Year in 1997. He was inducted into the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame in 1996 and inducted into the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame in 2007. He has also been recognized many times by the PSA as the Paul McGrath Choreographer of the year.

Mr. Carroll has coached many talented skaters but is probably most well known for coaching Linda Fratianne, Michelle Kwan, and 2010 Olympic Champion Evan Lysacek. His most recent coaching success is the 2013 World Silver Medalist Denis Ten and American ladies Champion Gracie Gold. Some of his other well-known skaters include Nicole Bobek, Christopher Bowman, Tiffany Chin, and Timothy Goebel.

Frank Carroll retired from teaching in 2018, but his influence in figure skating continues through his students: Laura Lipetsky is the coach of the current US National Champion Alysa Liu. Ms. Liu just became the first US woman to land a quadruple Lutz in competition.