

1996

An Ensemble
of International Medalists
in works by Laura Dean
and David Dorfman

May 31, 1996 Sky Rink at Chelsea Piers 23rd St. & The Hudson River

A Program Note From Ice Theatre

Tonight's program brings to a close Ice Theatre's 11th season as the nation's first artistic skating company. We are proud to present renowned solo and pair artists as well as group works created by both ice and theatrical dance choreographers.

Christopher Dean has said that skating choreography is "an art form in its infancy." Since its founding in 1984, Ice Theatre has offered its audience a repertory which illuminates the rich variety of moods, styles and forms that make a stage of frozen water.

We take special pride tonight in presenting two works created by members of the ITNY Ensemble: Beth Woronoff's *Red* and Mimi Wacholder's *Remolino*. These pieces, each with unique technical vocabularies, hint at the tremendous promise of choreographic talent we can look forward to from skaters themselves.

Our theatre has been immensely enriched by the inspiration of theatrical dance choreographers Laura Dean and David Dorfman. Ms. Dean's *Reflections*, which had its debut at Madison Square Garden in 1994, is a paradigm of ensemble ice dance. Mr. Dorfman's *Choose/Lose* brings a witty and powerful theatrical sensibility to our repertory. We are deeply grateful to both artists for their contributions to our medium and to the NY State Council on the Arts for commissioning these dances.

We take pride in presenting audience favorites, company members Marina Kulbitskaya and Alexander Esman, and our hellzapoppin' duo Ari & Akop. We welcome back Elisaveta Stekolnikova and Dmitri Kazarlyga, and are thrilled to present German Men's champion Daniel Weiss in his New York debut.

We trust you will enjoy this evening of artistic skating and invite you to join us into Ice Theatre's second decade as a pioneer in the presentation of dance on ice.

We join her family and friends in mourning the loss of Betty Stroukoff, a longtime member of the Skating Club of New York and a great friend to skating. Contributions may be made in her name to the USFSA Memorial Fund.

ACT I

OPENING REMARKS Moira North

"(CONCERT WA	ALTZ" #
Music Charles Gounod	Choreographer Rob McBrien	Costumes Natasha Guruleva
Lisa Clinton James Schilling Julia Speiser	Performers Jonathan Stine Mimi Wacholder Doug Webster	Beth Woronoff John Wright
Gillette De Bary Marina Golovenkov Dmitri Gromov	With Marina Kulbitskay & Alexander Esn Steven Lu	
	"REVOLUTIO)N''
Choreographer Daniel Weiss		Performer Daniel Weiss
	— "TANGO"	
Choreographer Natalia Dubova		Performers Elisaveta Stekolnikova Dmitri Kazarlyga
	I WON'T DAN	ICE"
Music George Gershwin	Choreographer Dmitri Gromov	Performer Dmitri Gromov
	"RED" -	
Music Villa-Lobos	Choreographer Beth Woronoff	Costumes Sayzie Carr

Performers

Katia Semoukhina

Julia Speiser

Marina Golovenkov

Beth Woronoff

John Wright

Lisa Clinton

Gillette De Bary

"ENERGY"

Choreographers Akop Manoukian Ari Zakarian

Performers Akop Manoukian Ari Zakarian

"ALBERTA BIOGRAPHY" --

Choreographer Frank Nowosad

Performer **James Schilling**

This revival is in memory of its creator, Frank Nowosad. co-founder of the Canada Ice Dance Company.



ACT II

"CHOOSE/LOSE"

Music David Dorfman

Choreographer David Dorfman

Trombonist Cam Millar

Accordion Walter Kuhr **Performers**

Lisa Clinton Julia Speiser Mark Stanford Jonathan Stine Beth Woronoff

This work was created by a commission from The New York State Council on the Arts.

"SAMSON & DELILAH"

Music Saint-Säens Choreographer Natalia Dubova

Performers Elisaveta Stekolnikova Dmitri Kazarlyga

"COSMIC VOYEUR" -

Music Tangerine Dream Choreographer Doug Webster

Performer Doug Webster

'REMOLINO"

Music Rene Dupéré

Choreographer Mimi Wacholder

Costumes Christina Gianini

Performers

James Schilling

Jonathan Stine

Mimi Wacholder

"THE BLUES BROTHERS" -

Choreographers Akop Manoukian Ari Zakarian

Performers Akop Manoukian Ari Zakarian

"REPRISE D'AMOUR" -

Choreographer Christopher Dean

Performers Marina Kulbitskava Alexander Esman

"ONE ROCK N' ROLL TOO MANY"

Choreographer **Daniel Weiss**

Performer **Daniel Weiss**

"REFLECTIONS" -

Music John Zaretsky Choreographer Laura Dean Richard Kosinski

Costumes Jenny Lee Segal

Performers

Lisa Clinton **Dmitri Gromov** James Schilling Julia Speiser Mark Stanford Jonathan Stine Mimi Wacholder Beth Woronoff

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The Ensemble

Lisa Clinton
Alexander Esman
Dmitri Gromov
Marina Kulbitskaya
Akop Manoukian
Kenneth Moir
James Schilling
Julia Speiser

Mark Stanford Jonathan Stine Mimi Wacholder Doug Webster Beth Woronoff John Wright Ari Zakarian

Apprentices

Gillete De Bary Marina Golovenkov Steven Lu Katia Semoukhina

Production Staff

Lighting Designer
Richard Lambert

Crew Chief Chris Beck

Stage Manager
David Dearing

Moving Light Technician

Phil Hirsch

Sound Michael Clark

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Peter Borchetta
Sean Fedigen

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About The Ice Theatre of New York

The mission of Ice Theatre is to develop and foster ice skating as a performing art through performances and its educational outreach programs. It is the nation's first not-for-profit ice dancing ensemble. Since its inception, the company has created a repertory of over forty works that include choreography by major modern dance choreographers such as Ann Carlson, William Whitener, Laura Dean and David Dorfman. Ice Theatre has produced programs with such renowned skaters as John Curry, Toller Cranston, Paul Wylie, Nancy Kerrigan, Maia Usova and Alexander Zhulin, Judy Blumberg and Michael Siebert, and Katherine Healy. Ice Theatre of New York is currently The Ice Dance Company in Residence at the new Chelsea Piers Complex. Our educational Professional Performing Arts School program is in its fourth year. The company has performed and conducted master classes throughout the United States, Canada and Europe, and has also been produced by major dance presenters, including Boston's Dance Umbrella, Vermont's Flynn Theatre, First Night Annapolis and in Europe.

The company's work has been recognized by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, The New York State Council on the Arts, The New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, The Lila Acheson Wallace Theatre Fund, Curtis McGraw Foundation, Philip Morris Companies Inc., and The Greenwall Foundation.

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