

Performance Season 1997 June 4,5 & 6 at 7:30 Sky Rink at Chelsea Piers

A Program Note From Ice Theatre

Tonight's program brings to a close the Ice Theatre's 12th season as the nation's first artistic ice dancing company. We are proud to present renowned artists and choreographers. Since its founding in 1984, Ice Theatre has offered its audiences a repertory which illuminates the rich variety of moods, styles and forms that make a stage of frozen water.

Ice Theatre has been immensely enriched by the inspiration of dance choreographers. Tonight we premiere three such works: Elisa Monte's sensual duet, "Passion", a commission by the NY State Council on the Arts ... Lar Lubovitch's ensemble piece, "Strike up the Band", a tribute to Gershwin in this Centennial Celebration year, commissioned by the Greenwall Foundation . . . and "Appalachia Waltz", a collaboration between modern dance choreographer, JoAnna Mendl Shaw and ice choreographer Doug Webster. This twelve minute ballet is funded in part by the NEA.

You will see new works choreographed by company skaters that reflect the continued commitment to train and provide a venue for our own ice choreographers. These pieces, each with unique technical vocabularies, hint at the tremendous promise of choreographic talent we can look forward to from the skaters themselves. Ensemble member Beth Woronoff will present excerpts from her latest work, "Six Arcs of a Circle". We are also proud to showcase the ensemble piece, "Creative Time", the result of a collaboration between the arts organization Creative Time, composer Phil Kline and ice choreographers Moira North and James Schilling.

Joining us from Canada will be Junior Men's Champion Emanuel Sandhu, a representative of the newly formed Toronto Ice Theatre. Just 16 years old, Emanuel also dances with the National Ballet of Canada. Igor Pashkevich, from Russia, a World Competitor and European Silver Medalist, joins us this evening. The dynamic duo of Akop Manoukian and Ari Zakarian are back to delight us with their unique comedic and acrobatic skating performances.

Three of our apprentice members, Alizah Allen, Katia Semoukhina, and Joy Thomas, graduate from high school this month. These remarkable young women show the promise of our future, both on and off the ice. We wish them much success and hope that their lives have been touched in a meaningful way by their association with our company.

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.

Program and casting subject to change without notice.

"CREATIVE TIME"

Choreography Music Phil Kline Moira North & James Schilling

Performers Chika Maruta

Marina Golovenkova Lisa Parra Jaya Kanal James Schilling Steven Lu

Katia Semoukhina

Concept Jay Colton

Ionathan Stine Joy Thomas Greg Wittrock

This piece was originally commisioned by Creative Time and premiered in a candelight procession at Wollman Rink.

'METAMORPHOSIS"

Music Choreography Dead Can Dance Lisa Clinton

Flautist Jenni Janson

Performer Lisa Clinton

'FREEDOM

Music Ouidam

Tim Fujioka

Choreography Joanne McLeod

Performer **Emanuel Sandhu**

from Cirque de Soleil

-"UPON LAKE COCYTUS" (A Work in Progress)

Music Cam Millar

Choreography Moira North & JoAnna Mendl Shaw Cam Millar

Performer

"SIX ARCS OF A CIRCLE "(Excerpts)

Music **Johann** Sebastian Bach Choreography **Beth Woronoff**

Costumes Carol Gantos

Set Design **Bradley Erickson**

I. "Darkness"

Performers

Lisa Clinton Marina Golovenkova Katia Semoukhina Greg Wittrock

II. "Lightness"

Performer

Alizah Allen

This piece is made possible by support from Sky Rink's "Artist in Residence" program.

"UNDER INVESTIGATION" -Choreography Music Performer Marina Kudrevtseva **Dire Straits** Igor Pashkevich "PASSION" (World Premiere) Music Choreography Costumes Michael Nyman Elisa Monte Christina Giannini **Performers** Chika Maruta **Ionathan Stine** This piece is made possible in part by commissioning funds from the New York State Council on the Arts and is dedicated to Fritz and Elizabeth Chandler. – "THE BLUES BROTHERS" – Choreographers **Performers** Akop Manoukian Akop Manoukian Ari Zakarian Ari Zakarian "MAN & MACHINE " - "DEUX" Choreography Music Performer Zamboni Nina Newby Seme La Vie Richard Renaud Ioe Sergi INTERMISSION "STRIKE UP THE BAND" (World Premiere) Music Choreography George Gershwin Lar Lubovitch **Performers Dmitri Gromov** Katia Semoukhina Doug Webster Marina Golovenkova

Chika Maruta

This piece was made possible by The Oscar M. Ruebhaussen Commission

awarded by the Greenwall Foundation.

"IN A NUT SHELL" -Music Choreography Performer Rob McBrien & Kenny Moir Mozart's Kenny Moir Clarinet Concerto "LADY SKATES THE BLUES" -Music Choreography Performer Billie Holiday Moira North **Joy Thomas** "SERENADE" ----Choreography Music Performer Joanne McLeod Tchaikovsky **Emanuel Sandhu** "VENUS" Choreography Music Performer Doug Webster Cancion Chika Maruta "RUSSIAN REVOLT" -Music Choreography Performer Charleston Marina Kudrevtseva Igor Pashkevich -"ENERGY" **Performers** Choreographers Akop Manoukian Akop Manoukian Ari Zakarian Ari Zakarian — "APPALACHIA WALTZ" (World Premiere) — Costumes Music Choreography Yo Yo Ma, Edgar Meyers JoAnna Mendl Shaw Donna Langman & Doug Webster & Mark O'Conner **Performers**

Alizah Allen

Judy Blumberg

James Schilling

This piece is made possible in part by funds from the National Endowment for the Arts. Doug wishes to dedicate this piece to his Mom & Dad, and Leo.

Katia Semoukhina

Ionathan Stine

Doug Webster

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Moira North - Director

The Ensemble

Lisa Clinton Kenneth Moir
Dmitri Gromov Lisa Parra
Tim Fujioka James Schilling
Marina Golovenkova Jonathan Stine
Jaya Kanal Doug Webster
Steven Lu Greg Wittrock
Akop Manoukian Beth Woronoff
Chika Maruta Ari Zakarian

Production Staff

Lighting DesignerDavid Lander

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Master Electrician Stewart Wagner

Electricians

Brandt Belknap Jonathan Bumpas Al Fitch Chris Keally

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Tim Guscott

Apprentices

Alizah Allen Katia Semoukhina Joy Thomas

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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 fifty 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 Professional Performing Arts School program is in its sixth 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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