

6TH ANNUAL STARS, STRIPES & SKATES ICETRAVAGANZA RETURNS TO NASSAU COLISEUM

WITH CAST OF OLYMPIC SKATING LEGENDS

NEW YORK, Sept. 26, 2007 - The 6th Annual Stars, Stripes & Skates ICETravaganza, to benefit The Heritage Foundation of 9/11, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 4 p.m at Nassau Coliseum. Skating legends return to Long Island to honor America and demonstrate the importance of remembering 9/11 as they share the ice with 150 aspiring skaters.

Stars, Stripes & Skates ICETravaganza

- Sunday, October 14, 2007
- 4:00 pm at Nassau Coliseum
- \$148.50, \$35.50, \$25.50, \$15.50

Tickets available through Ticketmaster at 631.888.9000, Ticketmaster.com and at the Nassau Coliseum box office, open Monday – Friday, 9:30 am – 4:45 pm

“In the same way that Americans and people all over the world united in the aftermath of 9/11, I’m delighted that my skating peers continue to unite annually to commemorate 9/11 and to honor our country,” says American ice dancing phenomenon Tanith Belbin.

This year the ICETravaganza will feature Olympic Gold Medalist **Oksana Baiul**, Olympic Silver Medalists **Tanith Belbin** and **Benjamin Agosto**, two-time Olympic Bronze Medalist **Philippe Candeloro**, World Champion **Shae-Lynn Bourne**, US Silver Medalists **Melissa Gregory** and **Denis Petukhov**, US Bronze Medalists **Meryl Davis** and **Charlie White**, US Silver Medalists **Eve Chalom** and **Mathew Gates**, 17 time National Competitor **Derrick Delmore**, **Ice Theatre of New York**. This year will also include a Hero Hockey relay between the **FDNY** and **NYPD**, and **Lee Greenwood** will open singing his own *God Bless The USA*.

In addition to the star studded line-up, 150 aspiring young figure skaters will lace up their skates to perform alongside the champion figure skating stars as they stage an never before seen patriotic number to commemorate 9/11. These youngsters were chosen through *American Idol* format auditions throughout the Northeast. One of the youth skaters, Jacklyn Corsitto of Seaford points out, “It is amazing that someone as famous as Nancy Kerrigan donates her time to such an event. I hope one day I am as famous and can share my experiences with kids like me.”

This year’s honoree is ice dancing coach **Igor Shpilband** who has made America a force to be reckoned with in the world of international figure skating. “In the same manner in which a positive energy was created in the aftermath of 9/11, Igor continues to create an inspiring energy in young American skaters in a sport where American competitors would never have been so successful without him,” says organization founder and event producer Tara Modlin.

The Heritage Foundation of 9/11 works to maintain awareness of the 9/11 tragedies among young Americans. Through the use of the world wide sport of figure skating the Foundation has been able to instill the virtues of heroism, patriotism, and a sense of community among youth by creating special events that remember the past while celebrating the future.

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