



MSC 2018 ICE SHOW INFORMATION PACKAGE APRIL 13TH, 14TH AND 15TH 2018

Registration is ONLINE, and registrations close October 28, 2017

Welcome to Ice Show 2018 - we are already well under way with planning "Night In the Museum".

This entire show is put on by volunteers (with the exception of our coaches' expertise, of course), so please consider volunteering when you register. We need help to make it happen. You do NOT have to make a major commitment; anything at all that you want to do will help.

Volunteer timing is flexible! Right now we are looking for help with things like organizing sponsorships, designing props and starting on costumes, so if you have a bit of time, please let us know. If you expect to have more free time later on, help will be needed in the spring for photography, dressing room supervision, snack bar help and ushering. *Tell your high school students that volunteering for MSC does count toward high school volunteer time requirements.*

More information will follow in the coming weeks, but for now please make note of the key dates listed below. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly or through the MSC office (info@markhamskatingclub.com - subject line "ICE SHOW").

Sincerely yours,

Jackie Macdonald-Bartkiw
Ice Show Coordinator
Markham Skating Club

A FEW IMPORTANT REQUESTS

PLEASE:

- **If you are planning a family vacation** during March Break week (or any other time between March 12 – April 15) talk to Michele or Jackie before registration closes so we can find options.
- **Plan to be at all your rehearsals.** Most courts have two rehearsals each week for rehearsal month. Of course, kids get sick and things happen, but please don't plan on missing rehearsals. Again, talk to us if there's a problem and we'll see what we can do. The expectation is that each skater misses no more than 2 rehearsals during the rehearsal month.
- **Remember that during production week (April 9-12), skaters are scheduled to be at the arena all four evenings.** Some rehearsals will be short, while some are longer – but this week is SO important for spacing, costume adjustments, lighting and more. If you commit to the show, please plan to attend every day this week.

****There are no regular MSC sessions during rehearsal month.****

- **Registration Opens ONLINE from the MSC website:** Tuesday October 10, 2017
- **Registration Deadline:** Saturday October 28, 2017
- **INFORMATION SESSION and cast list revealed:** Sunday January 21, 2018
- **Rehearsal Schedules Posted:** early February, 2018
- **Rehearsals Begin:** Monday March 12, 2018
 - * *Yes, there are rehearsals during March break, because we only have a few weeks to put the show together; there are usually 2 rehearsals/week for each court until production week.*
- **Production Week / Dress Rehearsals:** Monday, April 9 to Thursday April 12
 - * *Skaters are expected to attend rehearsals every day during production week.*
- **FOUR Performances:** Friday, April 13 (7pm) & Saturday, April 14 (1pm & 7pm) & Sunday, April 15 (1pm)

<p>All skaters in the Ice Show must commit to participating in all four performances, because we run the same show each time, like a theatre performance!</p>

NEWS AND FAQ

YES! EVERY SINGLE SKATER CAN BE IN THE SHOW!

Pre-CanSkaters (SO cute and funny, they usually steal the show), CanSkaters, Power Skaters, Adult Skaters - everyone has their own piece CHOREOGRAPHED TO FIT THEIR LEVEL!

PLUS, rehearsals do not overlap with your fall/winter skating sessions; we start rehearsals after the fall/winter season ends.

NEW THIS YEAR: REGISTRATION INCLUDES PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS AND A FREE T-SHIRT

When you register online, there will be the option to choose what size Ice Show t-shirt you want. A professional photographer has been hired to take photos of the skaters on the ice during production week. All photos will be available to parents in digital format. *Note that these will be more like "behind the scenes" shots, not "studio" shots.*



ICE SHOW FEES

There are many costs associated with producing the Ice Show, including lighting and sound equipment rental, prop and costume materials, ice rental, guest skater fees, music royalties, etc.

Although we do source many thousands of dollars in corporate sponsors, participation fees are still required to help cover these costs. **The fees listed below INCLUDE the cost of costuming.**

- Pre-CanSkate - \$95 (one court)
- CanSkate - \$95 (one court)
- Power Skaters - \$95 (one court)
- Teen/Adult - \$95 (one court)
- Intermediate - \$160 (two courts)
- Senior - \$215 (3 courts)
- Advanced/Silver/Gold - \$290 (four courts, plus one additional feature part or character role)

Every skater who participates in the Ice Show will have a costume. However, the costumes are the property of the Club, and after the Ice Show they are added to "The Loft", our costume rental business. This provides ongoing income for the Club, which helps keep fees low.

NEW! OPTION TO ADD A COURT

FATHER/DAUGHTER & MOTHER/SON COURT

Parents of Intermediate, Senior, Advanced, Silver or Gold level skaters can be in the show as well, as part of the Father/Daughter & Mother/Son court.

This year, this court can be ADDED ON to your skater's total number of courts, meaning it DOES NOT count toward the skater's total number of courts as listed above. The only catch: space in this court is limited, and will be filled on a first-come first-served basis.

Parents should not be intimidated; choreography will be tailored to your ability:

- If you can confidently skate the length of the ice both forward and backward, you have the skills.
- If you can commit to one rehearsal per week (beginning the week of March 12th) and are available to perform on April 13th, 14th and 15th, then you can be part of the show.

Father/Daughter & Mother/Son Court Fee: \$65 per duet, plus \$35.65 Skate Canada fee (if not already paid).

- If you are currently registered as a skater with MSC or another skating club, you may have already paid this fee. Otherwise, an additional \$35.65 will be charged per parent.
- This fee is for insurance purposes and is charged by, and goes directly back to, Skate Canada.



PLEASE HELP? EVEN A LITTLE...

**"Night In the Museum" cannot happen without you.
As mentioned above, this entire show is put on by volunteers,
so please select a category where you can help.**

You don't have to make a major commitment, because even a little of your time goes a long way, and we have a lot of fun doing it!

NOTE: Volunteer positions that require time *during* performances (e.g. dressing room supervisors, backstage assistance, parking attendants, snack bar sales) will be scheduled on rotation with other volunteers so you will NOT miss all the performances.
You will be able to attend the show!

I am able to help with:

- Program creation (design, layout)
- Sponsorship committee
- Ticket sales
- Costumes (shopping, sewing, altering, adding sequins, etc.)
- Merchandise and food sales in the arena during rehearsals
- Dressing room supervision (we need many volunteers for this, during performances)
- Prop construction
- Backstage assistance (during performances)
- Parking lot attendants & ushering (during performances)
- Show set-up & tear down (bleacher assembly, lighting, curtains, etc.)

All time spent helping MSC counts toward high school volunteer hour requirements!

Not sure what you want to do? Have another idea?

Email us at info@markhamskatingclub.com, or call the office at (905) 472-6982

CONTACT INFORMATION – RETURN THIS FORM TO THE OFFICE

VOLUNTEER'S FIRST NAME: _____

VOLUNTEER'S LAST NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (required): _____

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!



SPONSORSHIP IDEAS

Ice Show sponsors are needed to help pay for the show. Recognition and low cost local advertising opportunities start at just \$150.

If you, your employer, or anyone else you know would like to help support the "Night In the Museum" Ice Show, please list them here – ***we will contact them for you if you wish.***

POTENTIAL SPONSOR #1

CONTACT NAME _____

BUSINESS NAME _____

PHONE # _____

EMAIL _____

POTENTIAL SPONSOR #2

CONTACT NAME _____

BUSINESS NAME _____

PHONE # _____

EMAIL _____