



SKATERS' GUIDE

POST THIS ON YOUR FRIDGE – YOU WILL NEED IT!

1) KEY DATES

March 12 to April 12 – REHEARSALS

- Rehearsal schedule is posted in the arena lobby and on www.markhamskatingclub.com.
- There is a DIFFERENT schedule for Saturday April 7th. CHECK THAT SCHEDULE CAREFULLY TO SEE IF YOU ARE NEEDED.
- YOU MUST BE AT ALL YOUR REHEARSALS. Yes, there ARE rehearsals during March Break.
- GROUP PHOTOS will be taken for the program the WEEK OF MARCH 12th. If you can, skaters should please wear their Ice Show t-shirt.
- To help parents with busy evenings, volunteers will be selling inexpensive light meals and snacks from 5:30-7:30 most evenings (if we get enough volunteers). 100% of profit supports the Ice Show.
- Regular skating sessions are available at no cost to Ice Show skaters (Intermediate and up). These session times are on the rehearsal schedule, and have been created to allow skaters to continue training during Ice Show rehearsal month. There will be no stroking sessions or group lessons, but skaters can schedule private lessons directly with their coach during these times.

Friday, March 16th @ 4pm – ICE SHOW TICKET SALES OPEN ONLINE

- Link to online ticket sales from the home page of our website @ www.markhamskatingclub.com.
- Best seats go FAST: buy EARLY to get best seating.
- Two price levels: \$25 for pre-assigned seats or \$20 for general admission. General admission seats are in the permanent arena stands (benches on the west side of arena).
- Skaters who are only in the first half of the show may join their families in the audience for the second half. *Skaters watching the second half MUST HAVE A TICKET.* 'Second half' tickets are \$12.
- Tickets are final sale. No returns or exchanges.
- For more ticket info call the MSC office at 905-472-6982 or email: info@markhamskatingclub.com

Friday, April 13th (7pm) AND Saturday, April 14th (1pm & 7pm) AND Sunday, April 15th (1pm) – PERFORMANCES!

- Every skater is in all four performances. There is no Sunday evening show.

The dressing room coordinator will contact volunteers soon to schedule dressing room helpers for dress rehearsals and performance week (April 9-15).

If you did not sign up yet but want to be in a dressing room (one or more days) with the children, please email Sandra Churchill at sandra.churchill@rogers.com

If you have volunteered for other jobs but have not been contacted, we apologize. Please call the office.

2) NIGHT IN THE MUSEUM: SHOW ORDER

FIRST HALF

Scene 1 – Opening

Opening Line
Opening Solo

Scene 2 – Day Trip to the Museum

Magic Dust

Scene 3 – In the Dark!

Dancing Skeletons
Zombie Bride Solo

Scene 4 – Stone Age Exhibit

Dinosaurs
Cavekids & Cavewoman Character
Saber-toothed Tigers & Cavemen Characters

Scene 5 – World Fashion Gallery

Mannequins
North American Glitz
Japanese Brilliance
South American Radiance and
South American Radiance Solo
African Vibe
Indian Enchantment

Scene 6 – Hall of Visual Arts & Spectacular Collections

Museum Kids' Duet
Sunflowers
Starry Night
Degas Dancers
Water Lilies
Gems
Russian Dolls

Scene 7 – Back Where They Started!

Mayan Rainforest Duet
Greek Goddesses
King Tut
Cleopatra Solo
First Half Ending Production

SECOND HALF

Scene 1 – Gold!

Golden Girls
Guest Skater Nam Nguyen

Scene 2 – Gallery of Iconic Movies

Charlie Chaplin
Wizard of Oz: Good & Wicked Witches and
Glinda/Wicked Witch Characters
Dorothy Solo
Godfather
Singin' in the Rain Trio
Rocky Court and Rocky Solo

Scene 3 – Exhibit of Songs Influencing Musical History

Roll Over Beethoven
Walk This Way
Imagine Solo
Billie Jean
Rapper's Delight
Rock Around the Clock

Scene 4 – Closing

Guest Skater - Nam Nguyen
Closing Line
Finale

3) PRODUCTION REHEARSALS (MONDAY APRIL 9 & TUESDAY APRIL 10)

Production rehearsals are a run through of the show in sequence with staging, props, lighting music and final touches to choreography. *No costumes yet!*

Please be patient – these may be long rehearsals, as our technical crew learns the show and we smooth out any “kinks.”

Parents may sit in the stands or lobby during production rehearsals (Monday and Tuesday ONLY), but not backstage with skaters.

- **Monday, April 9 – PJ Day.** Yes, everyone will skate in pyjamas! Wear something warm underneath.
- **Tuesday, April 10 – Tacky Tuesday.** Wear colourful and fun “tacky” outfits that still allow the kids to move easily and skate their best.
- **Rehearsals start at 5pm SHARP.** Please be on time, and allow enough time to get your skates on by 5:00 pm.
 - **Exception: adult court may arrive at 7pm**
- On Monday and Tuesday, snacks ARE allowed because skaters are not in costume.
 - *Please, no nuts – some of our skaters have severe nut allergies.*
- Between on-ice rehearsal times, skaters sit backstage in the stands (supervised by adult volunteers). Skaters should dress warmly! It can be cold.
 - Sweat pants, sweaters and jackets are warmer than skating dresses and tights. Blankets to wrap up in are a great idea.
 - Bring homework, books or small activities. PLEASE, NO MARKERS for colouring.
 - We are not responsible for personal belongings. LABEL EVERYTHING, and consider leaving electronics at home.
- **Skaters who are in the FIRST HALF ONLY must be picked up from the court supervisors when their production rehearsal is over (approximately 7:30 pm).**
 - They may not stay to watch the second half.
- **Skaters who are in BOTH HALVES OF THE SHOW should finish at approximately 9:45 pm.** (Opening line and opening solo rehearse with the second half).
- **Note that these are not exact times – it is difficult to be specific, so please be patient and flexible.**
- Skaters are supervised by volunteers until they are picked up.

Production Rehearsal Days: 1st half finishes at approx. 7:30pm; 2nd half at approx. 9:45pm

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4) DRESS REHEARSALS (WEDNESDAY APRIL 11 & THURSDAY APRIL 12)

- Dress rehearsals are a complete run-through of the show in full costume, hair, makeup and lighting.
 - You must arrive with hair and makeup done.
 - Costumes remain at the arena; skaters get in costume when they arrive.
- Eat before going to arena; skaters MAY NOT eat, drink or chew gum in costume. No snacks at all.
- *Skaters will be signed in and out by parents/guardians at drop off and pick up. Skaters will be supervised at all times until parents return to pick up their skaters.*

On dress rehearsal days, only registered volunteers may stay and watch.

Spectators are NOT permitted in the lobby or the stands.

- **PHOTOGRAPHY: a professional photographer will be at the THURSDAY APRIL 12 DRESS REHEARSAL;** this is the ONLY day professional photos will be taken. Unfortunately there will be no opportunities for re-scheduling or re-takes. There is no fee for these photos; they are included in your show registration.
- **Skaters must arrive at 5:30 with hair and makeup done. Dress rehearsals START at 6:00 pm.** There may be a line-up to check in, so arriving at 5:30 will give you enough time to get to your dressing room, put your costume and skates on, and warm up. (Adult court may arrive at 7:30pm).
 - Cave Kids should enter through doors at southeast end of arena (red door beside the zamboni doors), where they will be SIGNED IN, and escorted by a volunteer to their supervised dressing room.
 - Everyone else checks in at the main arena doors, as usual. After signing in, go straight to your assigned dressing room.
- Wear clothes that you don't have to pull off over your head when changing into costume (because you've arrived with hair and makeup done)!
- Skaters who wear helmets: face masks (cages) are optional. This is completely the choice of parents, but many do remove helmet cages for dress rehearsals and performances. Please do not remove the cage if you (or your skater) are not comfortable doing so.
- **No men are allowed in girls' dressing rooms** (female court supervisors assist young skaters). "Messengers" will be sent in if necessary.
- Skaters stay with their court for the entire rehearsal; they will be supervised until they are finished.
- Between their on-ice rehearsal times, skaters sit backstage in the stands (supervised by adult volunteers). Skaters should layer warm clothing over top of their skating outfit. It can be cold!
 - Sweat pants and jackets, and blankets to wrap up in are a great idea.
 - Bring homework, books or small activities. No colouring markers (use pencil crayons).
 - We are not responsible for personal belongings. LABEL EVERYTHING.
 - On Dress Rehearsal days, all **"first half only" skaters MUST be picked up when their part of the rehearsal is over.** First half skaters may *not* stay to watch the second half.
- All skaters (except Cave Kids) must be signed out at the main arena doors. Parents remain in the lobby, and "messengers" are sent to get skaters from dressing rooms. Cave Kids will be signed out at the same place they're dropped off (Zamboni door area).

Dress Rehearsal Days: 1st half finishes at approx. 8:15pm; 2nd half at approx. 9:45pm.

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5) SHOW DAYS! (FRIDAY APRIL 13TH, SATURDAY APRIL 14TH & SUNDAY APRIL 15TH)

- Performance times: EVERYONE is in ALL FOUR SHOWS!
 - Friday, April 13th – 7pm
 - Saturday, April 14th – 1pm & 7pm (for skaters in both halves of the show, the turnaround time from the end of the 1pm show and the call time for the 7pm show is shorter than you think! Plan a quick dinner!)
 - Sunday April 15th – 1pm ONLY (there is no Sunday evening show)
- Everyone on show days – arrive an hour before the show (6pm or 12 noon).
 - **Exception: Cave Kids arrive HALF an hour before each show.**
- Everyone must SIGN IN at the main arena doors, and proceed to their assigned dressing room.
 - **Exception: Cave Kids ONLY** enter through the doors at southeast end of arena (red door beside the zamboni doors). They will be signed in and escorted directly to their supervised dressing room.
- **Cave Kids may be picked up right after they skate (same location as drop off). Our “best guess” for timing is around 8pm for evening shows, and 3pm for matinées.**

No video recording or flash photography is permitted.

Flash photography is extremely dangerous for the skaters.

A professional videographer is recording the performances; DVDs will be available for purchase.

We still need more helping hands to set up and take down the show.

- *Set-up is the weekend of April 7th and 8th, and we start at 9am.*
- *Tear-down begins immediately after the Sunday matinee on April 15th at 3 pm.*
- *There’s a lot of lifting and carrying (boxes, chairs, etc.), and we also need people who are handy with tools.*
- *Set-up and tear-down time does count toward high school volunteer hours!*
- ***If you can help, please contact Steve Paraskevopoulos: steveparas@rogers.com***

6) SKATES, HAIR, MAKEUP & COSTUMES

Skates & Guards:

- Skate guards must be cut to fit the length of the skate blades. If guards are too long, they are dangerous on stairs. ****Some skaters must go upstairs in skates to and from dressing rooms.****
- Label your guards! Guards are kept in big boxes by court – there could be 15 pairs in one box!
- Skates should be sharpened just before production week – NOT on show day!
- Skate laces must be tucked into the top of the skate boots. NO long loopy laces allowed.

Hair:

- All female skaters should have hair in a ponytail, fastened with a hair elastic that is close to the skater's hair colour. (Exception: skaters wearing helmets should have hair secured away from the face. Long hair **MUST** be in a ponytail or braid).
- Use plenty of gel and hairspray to smooth hair down. No wispy hairs are allowed around the head.
- Do NOT use hairpins or barrettes. They are extremely dangerous to skaters if they drop on the ice.
- A limited supply of glitter hairspray will be provided in each dressing room.
- Some courts will have hair accessories (scrunchies, bows, ribbons, etc...) provided as part of their costume. When changing out of costume, be sure to put all accessories back in the baggie provided with your costume and attach it to the hanger.

Makeup:

- All female skaters are responsible for purchasing and applying their own make-up.
 - Black eyeliner, black mascara, red (darker) lipstick, blush and glittery eye shadow to be worn by all female skaters.
 - **Exception: Pre-CanSkaters and CanSkaters** should wear only pink “rosy cheeks” (bright pink blush will work). No other makeup is required.
- Skaters may not wear anything that could fall onto the ice: no hairpins, no pierced earrings, no other jewelry (MedicAlert bracelets are the only exception).

Costumes:

- Costumes are the property of the Markham Skating Club and must remain in the dressing rooms at all times. They are not to be taken home for any reason. Costumes, headpieces and accessories may NOT be altered or tampered with in any way. If you have concerns, advise the court supervisor who will speak to a costumer.
- **ALL FEMALE SKATERS (except Cave Kids) MUST PURCHASE THEIR OWN NEW ICE SHOW TIGHTS.**
 - Tights must be **MONDOR BAMBOO FOOTED TIGHTS, colour “Suntan”**. They are available for purchase in the MSC office or snack bar during rehearsals or at the Figure Skating Boutique.
 - **All skaters must ensure undergarments (t-shirts, bras, tank tops, underwear) do not show** once the costumes are on. Strapless bras or clear straps work best.
 - All female skaters (**except Cave Kids**) should have skin-tone high cut underwear, as underwear must not show. *OR, many skaters choose to wear no underwear under tights for dress rehearsals and performances.*

LASTLY - 4 THINGS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO REPEAT!

1. EAT BEFORE COMING TO DRESS REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES – no snacks in costume!
 2. WEAR CLOTHES THAT ARE EASY TO TAKE OFF OVER HAIR AND MAKEUP (NOT over your head)
 3. BRING:
 - ✓ HARD skate guards, LABELED with your name!
 - ✓ Hair brush, fine tooth comb, hairspray, gel and makeup. (Mirrors will be provided in dressing rooms).
 - ✓ Bag for your street clothes.
 - ✓ Coat and blanket to keep warm.
 - ✓ Things to keep younger skaters occupied (no markers)!
 - We are not responsible for personal items, so label EVERYTHING, and consider leaving electronics at home.
 - ✓ Older skaters: your homework!
 - ✓ Everyone: your patience!
 - Rehearsals may look chaotic, BUT we're doing our best; rehearsal pick up times are only approximate so we ask parents to please be patient and flexible.
 4. MOST IMPORTANT: HAVE FUN!
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If you have any questions, please contact the 2018 Ice Show Coordinator:
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