

"SKATING PARTY" SHOW COUNTDOWN

Diamond Edge FSC

Willmar, MN
2009-2010

Preparation/Performance Info

Timeline

- January 31 - **Practices Begin**
F5+, Synchro, Trio,
Duet, Soloists/Sr. Solo
- February 7 - **Practices Begins -**
Snowplow - F4
Quartets
Tickets Distributed
Costumes Distributed
Parent Meetings
- February 8 - **Show Practice**
Quartets, Trios,
Pre+, Juv+
- February 11 - **Show Practice**
Duets
Soloists/Sr Soloists
- February 13 - **Pictures at Filmdrop**
Snowplow-F4
- February 14 -  **Show Practice All**
- February 15 - **Pictures at Filmdrop**
F5+, Instructors
- February 15 - **Show Practice**
Quartets, Trios,
Pre+, Juv+
- February 18 - **Show Practice**
Duets
Soloists/Sr Soloists
- February 21 - **Show Practice All**
- February 22 - **Press Night All**
- February 25 - **Show Practice**
Duets
Soloists/Sr Soloists
- February 26 - **Setup/Decorating - Parents**
- February 27 - **Dress Rehearsal - All**
Tickets Collected
- February 28 - **Show Time-7:00pm** 
Show Time-1:00pm 
Takedown - Parents



Practices

- **Schedule** - Each of you should have received a schedule indicating your groups show practices. **If you do not have your schedule, one is available for download at diamondedgefsc.com.**
- **Attendance** - It is very important that you are present for every practice. If you are sick please let your choreographer know that you will not be present. **If you miss more than one practice you will not be able to perform in your group number.**
- **Behavior** - Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior to your scheduled practice time. Have small children use the restrooms prior to going on the ice so that they will not disrupt practice later. The instructor has worked very hard to choreograph a number for your skater. We expect that your skaters will be fully cooperative with their instructor. **If they are disrespectful of the instructor or other skaters, they will be removed from the ice and it will be counted as an absence.**
- **Parent Conduct** - Our instructors work very hard to choreograph the skaters numbers. Please compliment them on their great work. Without their work we would be unable to put on this show. Be a great example for your child.

Pictures

- **Schedule** - Each of you should have received a schedule indicating your group picture time. If you do not have your schedule, one is available for download at diamondedgefsc.com.
- **Group pictures** will be taken at the Filmdrop in Willmar. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your scheduled sitting time. An opportunity to have an **individual picture** of your skater will be available after the group picture is taken.

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Pictures - cont.

- **Preparation** - Please have your skater in costume with their skates and skate guards on at the scheduled time. The schedule indicates which costume will be used for their group picture. If you would like an individual picture in an additional costume, please make arrangements with the Filmdrop for additional time.
- **Tardiness** - We will take group pictures prior to individual pictures. If you are detained because of road conditions, etc., please contact the Filmdrop at **235-7710** and let us know of your expected time of arrival. If it will not inconvenience the other skaters we will wait up to 10 minutes for skaters that have contacted us, otherwise we will continue with the group picture
- **Absence** - We apologize if you have a conflict with your assigned group photo time. **For the benefit and access to group photos for other skaters and for our program, we will not be adding missing skaters to our group pictures.**
- **Appreciation** - The Filmdrop does not charge the sitting fee for our group pictures and provides them to us to use in the program free of charge. Please be respectful of their time and location.
- **Distribution** - You may review your pictures prior to ordering at one of the kiosks at the Filmdrop on the day of pictures. Pre-paid pictures will be distributed at the Dress Rehearsal. You may pick up your pictures directly at Filmdrop prior to dress rehearsal by contacting the Filmdrop and checking on availability.



Press Night - Feb. 22nd

- **Media Access**- The media is invited to our press night on February 22nd. Your child may be interviewed and photographed during practice by local print and radio media groups. If you do not want your child's photo used, please let a board member know.
- **Preparation** - We would appreciate if our skaters come in costume for the press night practice. We do not control when the press arrives, how long they stay, or who they photograph. Please try to encourage your skater to focus on their practice. The photographers are more apt to take action pictures rather than posed pictures.
- **Attendance** - This is the last opportunity prior to dress rehearsal to practice. Please make every effort to be on time and be attentive. **This is counted as one of your scheduled practices.**

Show Setup/Takedown

- **Setup** -Transforming the Civic Center arena into a performance venue is a huge undertaking. We request **all** of our parents to participate in setup on the evening of Friday, February 26th from 6:00-10:00pm or takedown on Sunday, February 28th immediately following the show for a minimum of 2 hours. You may be standing on the ice for the entire time putting up material to cover the boards. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Please check in with the decorating Karlene Wog when you arrive, to be assigned tasks.
- **Takedown**-Takedown begins immediately after the completion of the show on Sunday. Steven Cousins will be remaining after the show on Sunday.
- Any older skaters that are present will also be assigned tasks. For safety purposes, free skating will not be allowed during setup or takedown.

Tickets

- **Price** – Tickets prices have remained the same as previous years.
 - Presale:** \$10.00/adult
\$ 5.00/child
 - At the door:** \$12.00/adult
\$ 7.00/child
 - Children 3 and under free**
- **Distribution** – Each family will receive 10 adult tickets and 5 child tickets to sell. If you need additional tickets please contact the Ticket chair –Sue Kidrowski.
- **Collection** – Unsold tickets and money will be collected at dress rehearsal. **If you do not turn your unsold tickets or money in at dress rehearsal you will be billed for the unsold tickets.**
- **Parent Pass** – Each parent will be able to purchase 1 parent pass **to be used by that parent only.** The pass will allow the parent to attend both shows. The parent pass will be sold at dress rehearsal for \$15.00.
- **Locations** – Tickets will be available for the general public at Cash Wise & Cub Foods.
- **Complimentary Tickets** – For curtain holders only.

Costumes

- **Distribution** – Costumes will be distributed immediately following the parent meeting on February 7th & from 6:00-7:15pm on Monday February 8th. Please pick them up in the lobby of the Blue Line Arena. Your account must be current to pick up your costumes.
- **Alterations** – Size variances occur between costume manufacturers and between styles within a manufacturer. We make every effort to ensure a proper fit for your child, however, as with regular clothing, costumes may need alterations to fit properly. If your child has grown significantly and the costume is too small, please let us know immediately, so that we can see if there are any alternatives.

Costumes-cont.

- **Style selection** – Please remember that costume selection is done for the benefit of the look of the entire show. Not every costume can be your child's favorite color. We try to offer the audience a variety of styles of music and have the costume match the genre of music. Also, your child's group may contain children with a variety of shapes. We attempt to have the costumes be shape and age appropriate for all skaters. Your enthusiasm will be contagious for your child and they will have a much better self image during their performance.
- **Costume Closet Returns** – Snowplow skaters will receive 1 costume that they can keep. All other skaters will receive 2 group costumes. One of the costumes will be designated as a costume you can keep, the other costume and any of its accessories must be returned in their original bags immediately following the show on Sunday. **If any costumes or accessories are missing you will be billed \$40.00 for the costume.** You may purchase the costume for \$35.00 prior to the show. If you would like to donate your costume to the costume closet simply leave it with the other costume and accept our sincere appreciation.

Programs

- Keepsake programs will be available at the show for \$5.00.
- You may purchase a 2" X 1" ad congratulating your skater on their great job to be published in the keepsake book for \$5.00. Sign-up for this will be on February 14th.
- Encourage your employer to become one of our sponsors.

Dress Rehearsal

- **Preparation** - Please have your skater in costume in their dressing room with their skates and skate guards on at 8:30am on Saturday, February 27th. The schedule indicates which costume will be the first costume that your child will perform in.
- **Supplies** - Please bring extra skate shoelaces, hair accessories and tights for your child. Please make sure any hair adornments are secured firmly. A flower or pin on the ice becomes a hazard for other skaters. Also a robe or blanket will keep your skater warm between numbers.
- **Food** - Please make sure that your child has an adequate breakfast on the morning of rehearsal. If you choose to bring food for your child it should be a colorless beverage and a non-messy snack.
- **Flow** - We run through the program completely once. The purpose is to familiarize the skaters with the process of getting backstage in time for their numbers so that the show will go smoothly. We begin by practicing the finale with all the skaters. After we run through the program, we will have the Snowplow through B4 perform one additional time. We will stop at 12:00.
- **Guest Skater Pictures** - Angela Peters will be available to take your skaters picture with our guest skater, Steven Cousins for \$5.00, beginning at noon. We will collect the skaters by level from their dressing rooms. If your child has a sibling in a higher group they may accompany the younger skater for their picture so that you can leave when your skater is done. Prepaid signed 8 X 10 pictures will be available on Sunday afternoon after the show.
- **Volunteers** - Parents who are working at either show should be present on Saturday morning to learn the flow of the performance.
- **Skater Art** - Please bring skater art to dress rehearsal on Saturday morning.

Guest Skaters

- **Star Skater**- This year Steven Cousins, 8 time British National Champion and 3 time Olympian will be joining us. He will be performing 2 numbers in the show. He is a good friend of Kurt Browning and is great with children.
- **Guest Skaters**- We are fortunate again to have pair skaters Olivia Oltmanns and her partner Joshua Santillan join us. They will be performing 2 numbers during the show.
- **Artistic Skaters** - This year we will have a special treat from the St. Cloud Figure Skating Club. Katie Williams and Remington Deyak will be performing an artistic clown number.
- **Dads** - This year we will have a special Dads number. Please let Marie Ostby know if you are interested in participating. It will be a blast.

Show Time

- **Arrival Time** - Have your skater at the Civic Center at least ½ hour prior to the show in their first costume. Have them go to their assigned dressing room and wait for the show to begin. Parents will not be allowed in the dressing rooms without a parent name tag. For the privacy of our skaters men will not be allowed in the girls dressing rooms and women will not be allowed in the male dressing rooms.
- **Food** - Insure that your child has had an adequate meal prior to the performance. If you have a snack, please be aware of the possibility of staining their costume and be courteous of the other skaters space.
- **Volunteers** - Parents who are working as backstage runners, curtain holders, spotlight operators, novelty salespeople, etc. show be ready 45 minutes prior to the show to organize their area and be ready for the audience that will be allowed to enter the arena ½ hour prior to the show.
- **Novelties** - Flowers and other novelties will be available for purchase for your skater at the show at a reasonable cost.
- **Attitude** - Your positive attitude will be contagious. Encourage your skater to have fun, smile and enjoy their moment in the spotlight.