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Ice Den Skater Wins Silver at National Showcase

No shortage on drama for three qualifying Ice Den skaters at The National Showcase Competition in Hyannis, MA, August 5-7, 2010. Skaters Liana Sherman, Danya Sherman and Alison Ross represented us well.

With more than 200 competitors from across the country, Liana clinched a Silver medal in the Intermediate Dramatic event skating her program to "A Piece of Sky" from Yentl.

The competition is made up of singles events including light entertainment, dramatic entertainment and extemporaneous improvisation. There are also Ensemble events including a duet, mini-ensembles (3-7 skaters) and production number (8-30 skaters).

Singles skaters qualify by finishing in the top four in a sanctioned, competed theatrical skating event during

the qualifying period of August 13, 2009, to July 10, 2010.

Liana competed in 3 events: Intermediate light, dramatic and duet with sister Danya. In Liana's Light program, she placed 8th. In the Intermediate duet, the sisters were 6th place. Alison competed in Juvenile



Light placing 7th overall and Dramatic, placing 9th overall. Danya also competed in singles in the Preliminary Light category and placed 7th.

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Teamwork is Fun!

Ice Ensemble and Synchronized Skating Teams Clinic



**2009/10
Synchronized
Skating Team**

**2009/10
Ice Ensemble
Skating Team**



It was a day to show skaters the "team work" side of figure skating as the Ice Den hosted a free clinic for skaters interested in joining the 2010-2011 Ice Ensemble and Synchronized Skating teams.

Over 40 skaters participated in the clinic which was held on Saturday, August 7th from 3:15-5:15 PM. Ice Ensemble director and assistant director, Nancy Pluta and Miki Stevens and Synchronized Skating team coach Jenny Thompson and daughter Amy Thompson provided two hours of on-ice fun for all participants. Both theater on ice skills and team skating exercises were given. An informative parent meeting, snacks and video presentations were also provided. For this season we welcome Grant Rorvick, who will be joining our team of

Ice Ensemble directors Nancy Pluta and Miki Stevens.

Due to changes in the US Figure Skating rules for the Ice Ensemble, two teams will be formed this season with Novice and Junior levels. The National Competition dates were also moved ahead three months, so the teams will now be competing in early April, 2011

Practices for both teams began August 9th. The Synchronized Skating team season will begin their practices on October 6th. Space on this team is still available for skaters Freeskate 4 level and above.

See the administration office for team contract and registration information or speak to team coach Jenny Thompson or Julie Patterson.

It's A "Festival"

Ice Den Coach choreographs for Holiday on Ice

It's apparent well beyond the walls of the Ice Den that the choreographic talents of Ice Den Coach Nancy Pluta are recognized. Once again, Nancy has been hired as a choreographer with the internationally touring Holiday On Ice Show.

Nancy will serve as an associate choreographer for the new 2010 Holiday On Ice Show production called "Festival."

Currently, Holiday On Ice rosters 250 skaters appearing in five shows simultaneously touring 3 Continents, visiting 110 cities in 20 countries and giving 1,100 performances. These productions are seen by approximately 3,500,000 visitors per year. With a very rich history since 1943, Holiday On Ice has performed in 620 Cities in 80 countries, and been seen by more than an amazing 320,000,000 people.

Nancy will spend two months rehearsing the production in Utrecht, Netherlands, (20 minutes

outside of Amsterdam,) and then move to their opening city Hamburg, Germany. The world premier will be November 11, 2010.

"The last two months I have been researching ideas of different genres of movements for all the numbers I will be choreographing, including sections of numbers, formations I would like to use. I will also be going over script ideas and changes with the director, counting out music charts for the all numbers, conference calls over scripts, getting visuals of all numbers with the director and grasping what the directors vision is. Also included is

a visual of costumes, and getting insight into the re-writes of music from the musical director that we will be using for the two hour show.

"This is my second time working for Holiday On Ice as a choreographer and thrilled to be working on such a big ice show production," adds Pluta.



Pluta

The National Showcase gives an avenue to skaters who enjoy using their athletic skills to serve their artistry. Singles participating in light or dramatic entertainment categories as well as duets performed under spotlights. All other events are performed under full house lighting. Skaters are allowed to use props in their programs.

All three girls are coached by Larry Schrier and programs choreographed by Grant Rorvick. Congratulations girls!



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WHAT'S Coming up

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Crossovers

News from across the rink



Meet New Coyotes Ice Sports Manager, Evan Johnson

My name is Evan Johnson. I'm the Manager of Coyotes Ice Sports located inside the Ice Den on Bell Road in North Scottsdale. There's a chance that my name may be remotely familiar to some of you. I was employed at the shop a number of years ago in a part-time capacity.

My hope in this brief letter is to introduce myself and welcome you, or perhaps reintroduce you to, Coyotes Ice Sports. I'll apologize now if my exuberance for the store shines through when we first meet. It's because I have a serious passion for the place. I feel like the Ice Den, as it may have been for many of you, has been a home away from home. I date back to its roots in '98 when the building first opened. I was one of those young Arizona kids that had an odd affinity for hockey. Not many of us back then; but that's clearly changed over the years.

I played youth hockey through my early years and apparently I haven't been able to shake the bug.

I enjoyed those formative years and especially the opportunity to

learn the craft of skate repair and customization from Rob McLean. Rob had been a predecessor here at Ice Sports and a gifted technician. He had come from the National Hockey League. Although polished in his craft, he took the



Evan Johnson

time to understand the subtle nuances of the figure skating world. When he moved back to the NHL, he had positioned Coyotes Ice Sports as the preeminent pro shop/figure skating boutique in

the state and some would say one of the top in the country.

It's my goal to reestablish that lofty position. High level skating and hockey programs are an Ice Den staple. I understand how vital it is that Coyotes Ice Sports match that level of expertise. I ask you to give us a try, or try us again. You'll be pleasantly impressed by the level of proficiency our staff will offer; and our customer service will be second to none. That's a commitment I'm comfortable in making.

We're packaging up some of the skating essentials that the LTS "newbie" will need in order to make your child's initial experience a memorable one.

Further, I'd like to offer a guarantee on every skate sharpening to all of our guests, if you're displeased in any way then please come back in and allow us to fix your skate sharpening for free.

It's my goal to make Coyotes Ice Sports a regular stop on your weekly visits to the Ice Den. There's only one way to make that happen...we have to win your business!

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