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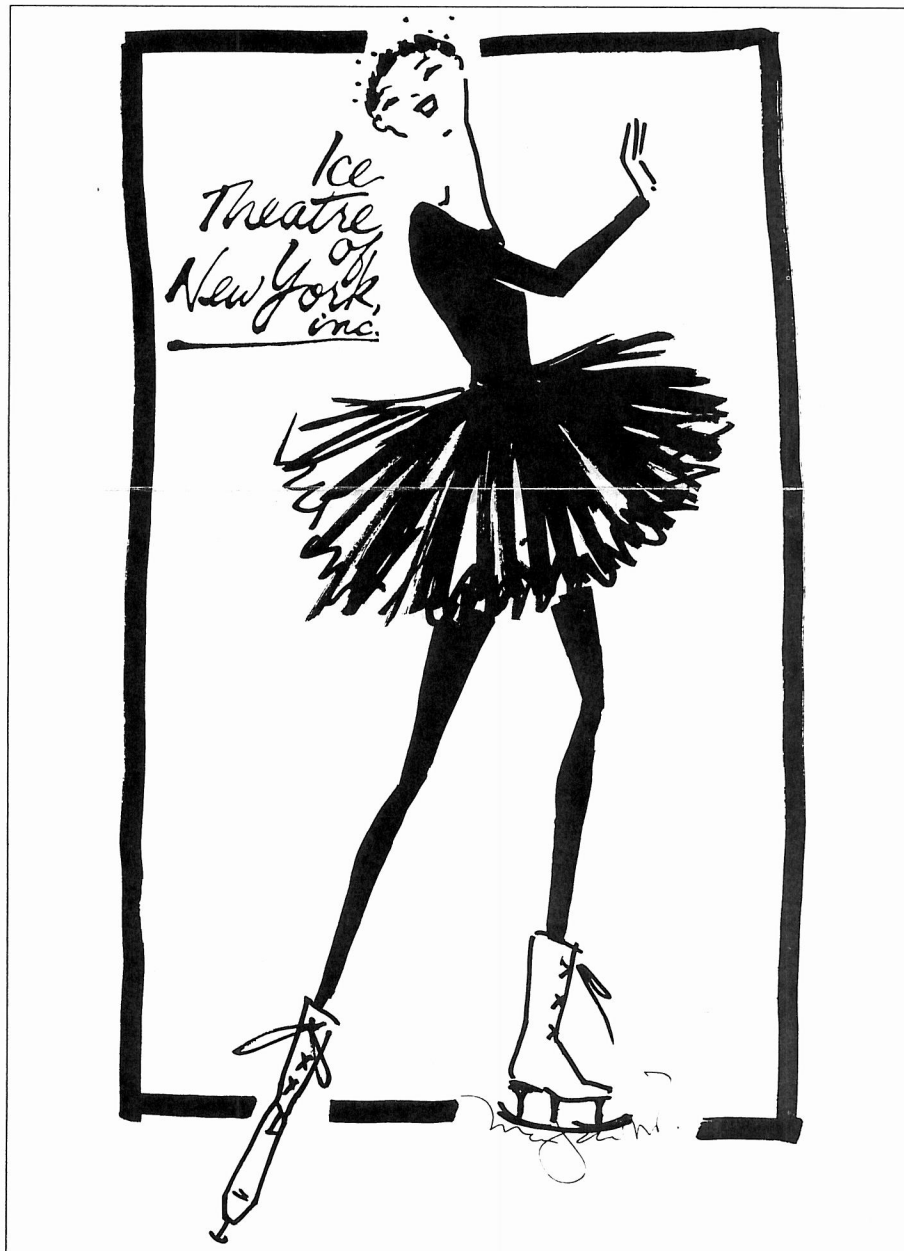
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Halloween '95

On Tuesday, October 24th, Ice Theatre will hold its annual Halloween Skating Party at the new Sky Rink at Chelsea Piers on 23rd Street and The Hudson River in Manhattan. The party marks the opening of Ice Theatre's 10th Anniversary season and will include a performance in Rink 2000, featuring the Ensemble with special guests Nancy Kerrigan, Paul Wylie, Stephen Cousins, David Liu, Rory Flack, JP Martin and Christopher Nolan.

Also scheduled to appear are Ice Theatre members Gary Beacom and Gia Guddat, Ari Zakarian and Akop Manoukian. The benefit honoree this season is Elizabeth Webster, long time supporter of Ice Theatre and other artistic skating companies. She is sponsor to many competitors including Nancy Kerrigan, Paul Wylie, Stephen Cousins and David Liu. The event is chaired by Palmer Baker and Caroline Moore. Dick Button serves as Honorary Chairman. The Evening will include cocktails and an all skate, a full performance, and Halloween supper party. As part of the evening, a silent auction will be offered featuring items such as a drawing by Toller Cranston, an original by designer Nicole Miller, autographed pucks and sticks signed by NHL hockey stars, tickets to Broadway shows and other delectables donated by Ice Theatre's supporters.

All monies raised from the Halloween Party help fund Ice Theatre's educational and performance programs throughout the season. The tenth Anniversary marks a milestone in the history of the nation's first artistic skating company. With grant awards from The National Endowment for the Arts, The New York State Council on the Arts and The New York City Department of Cultural Affairs and significant foundation and corporate



support, Ice Theatre steps into its second decade as an established arts organization dedicated to the magic of ice. Tickets to this event traditionally go very fast and

space is limited. Order your place today and start to assemble that perfect costume to wear. Outstanding efforts will be rewarded!

1995-96 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 16 PSA Lecture Demonstration
Bridgewater, New Jersey
- 30 Plie Power Workshops resume
Sky Rink

OCTOBER

- 7 NJ Special Olympics Benefit
Mennen Arena, New Jersey
- 14 NY Islanders Home Opener
- 24 ITNY Halloween Skating Party
Benefit, Silent Auction and
Performance featuring NANCY
KERRIGAN, PAUL WYLIE,
STEVEN COUSINS, DAVID LIU,
GARY BEACOM & GIA
GUDDAT, ARI ZAKARIAN &
AKOP MANOUKIAN & RORY
FLACK
*Scheduled to perform at press
time.
- 25 Halloween Performance, Chelsea
Piers
- TBA Duchesnay Tour with Ice
Theatre skaters Akop Manoukian
and Ari Zakarian

NOVEMBER

- 5 Dishes on Ice Benefit Performance
Sky Rink, Chelsea Piers

DECEMBER

- TBA Holiday Shows, Chelsea Piers
- 30-31 First Night Annapolis
Annapolis Navy Academy, MD
- 1996

JANUARY

- 31 Repertory Concert #1
Rockefeller Plaza, NYC

FEBRUARY

- 28 Repertory Concert #2
Rockefeller Plaza, NYC

MARCH

- 27 Repertory Concert #3
Rockefeller Plaza, NYC

APRIL

- 5 ITNY Apprentice Group Concerts
Rockefeller Plaza, NYC

MAY

- TBA Master Historical Series/Rehearsal
Fund Benefit, New York City

JUNE

- TBA Ice Theatre Performance
Chelsea Piers

The Director's Report

"The creative edge... points to the direction in which Ice Theatre can play a unique role... Ice Theatre is onto something and deserves greater support..." Anna Kisselgoff,
The New York Times

When Ice Theatre was founded as the nation's first not-for-profit ice dance ensemble it had three primary aims: the establishment of a professional dance ensemble and the creation of innovative if not "ice breaking" choreography, the establishment of a performance school for professional, competitive and recreational skaters and finally, a performance venue where the work could be properly presented, a "Lincoln Center" for ice skating.

After ten years we have come a long way in fulfilling our first two aims and thanks to Chelsea Piers, we are the Resident Ice Dance Company at the new Sky Rink which is a world class skating venue with seating for 2000. What a wonderful way to start our second decade!

I want to thank all of the skaters, board members, friends of Ice Theatre and skating enthusiasts who have helped build Ice Theatre into what Carol Shulman of the Professional Skaters Association calls, "a company that is adding a whole new facet to our diamond sport." I would also like to thank my former partner, Patrick Dean who when I first talked about my Ice Theatre dream, simply replied "Of course you can do it...this is New York! Everything is possible here."

Patrick Hourcade, editor of Patinage Magazine, wrote recently that "Artistic ensemble skating will doubtless be among the most delightful discoveries of the 21st century." Please join us in the vanguard, the infancy of a thrilling new art form

-MOIRA NORTH

10th Anniversary Journal

As part of Ice Theatre's 10th anniversary celebration, there will be a commemorative journal with ads, articles and photos from the first decade of Ice Theatre. The journals will be given to Benefit subscribers on the evening of October 24th. There is still time to wish Moira North, Ice Theatre and Honoree Lisa Webster well with a journal ad. This year's journal will be a full size edition and your ad is tax deductible. For more information call ITNY at 212-929-5811. Here is a list of last year's journal patrons who helped support Ice Theatre's seasonal programs:

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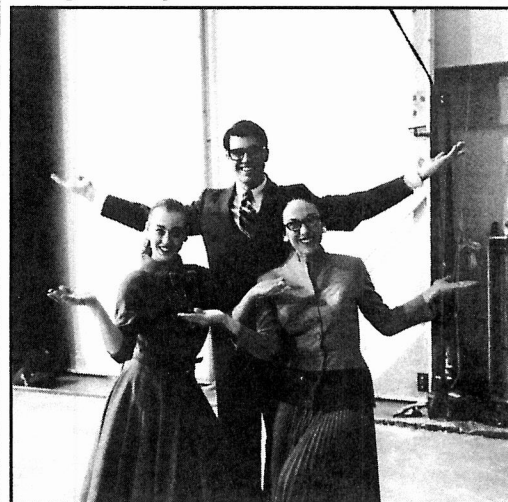
Company Activities



Philippe Candeloro visits Ice Theatre rehearsal. (Above) Choreographer David Dorfman works with Mark Stanford and visiting skaters Lorna Brown and John Martin. (Right).



Heather McLaughlin, Doug Webster and Moira North along with other ensemble members prepare for their appearance in a Home Savings Bank of America commercial. (Below)



Moving!

"I was not prepared for the transcendent work...challenging and beautiful...Ice Theatre of New York has repertory and skaters that deserve to be framed and savoured." - Susan Kraft, Staten Island Advance

"Moving!" was performed in June as the final show at Sky Rink on 33rd Street. The Ice Theatre Ensemble presented a full evening of repertory works and premieres. JP Martin and Christopher Nolan were featured guests. Two sold out performances included the premiere of a work in progress by David Dorfman. This commission was made possible from The New York State Council on the Arts. Also premiering was DREAM REMEMBER, choreographed by Ice Theatre Ensemble member Beth Woronoff. Ice Theatre's apprentices were featured in two works created for senior and junior members. The program also included a re-staging of Rob McBrien's HITCHCOCK SUITE, LARK ASCENDING and Laura Dean's REFLECTIONS.

New Choreographers Project

This season Ice Theatre began a new program to encourage and develop promising ice choreographers. While the company pursues its commitment to commission works from the dance world, we also know that great works will come from skating choreographers. To this end ensemble members are encouraged to develop their own dance ideas and set them on members of the ensemble. Beth Woronoff created *Dream Remember*. This work in progress was shown to school groups at Riverbank State Park in a lecture-demo format, and was premiered as part of "Moving!" featuring Beth Woronoff, David Goodman, Julia Speiser, Alizah Allen and Doug Webster. The company plans to continue and develop this program next season in order to create new repertory and expand its educational outreach opportunities to communities in and around New York City.



Alizah Allen and Mark Stanford sign autographs at Riverbank State Park following an Open Rehearsal on March 21.

Education Programs

Summer Programs

Although our summer season was a short one due to the move to Chelsea Piers, Ice Theatre again offered a comprehensive on and off ice program for competitors and recreational adults. Classes were held two days a week and began with floor work taught by ITNY Ensemble member Beth Woronoff, a skater with an intensive dance background particularly in Martha Graham Technique. On ice, Plie Power classes were lead by Rob McBrien, assisted by Moira North and Ensemble members Beth Woronoff, James Schilling, Julia Speiser, Kenneth Moir, and Mimi Wacholder. At the close of the class our apprentices continued on ice with company rehearsals. This summer we welcomed Christina Rice and Steven Lu as apprentices. Saturday morning workshops continued as well, lead on ice by Beth Woronoff.

Summer at Bridgewater

The Bridgewater Sports Arena in Bridgewater, New Jersey commissioned Ice Theatre of New York Workshops for three weeks. Classes were taught by Ensemble members Lisa Clinton, Beth Woronoff, and Jonathan Stine. Jonathan taught "Ice Map" which presents the rink as a map and offers terminology and techniques to increase the awareness of skaters moving in a group. In addition, he taught "Tools for Choreography". Lisa Clinton taught the "Sculpture Ice." Lisa began her classes with stroking exercises that utilized her modern dance background. She also gave the students her ever famous sliding techniques, which was a highlight. Beth Woronoff focused on an internal motivation created prowling circles across the ice challenging students to work with body control.

The workshops began after survey results indicated skaters were interested in participating in the educational division of Ice Theatre of New York. If you would like more information on workshops to be brought into your rink, contact Ice Theatre at 212-929-5811.



Apprentices at The Rink at Rockefeller Plaza

Each Saturday morning since September '94 Ice Theatre's adult and junior apprentices took class with Rob McBrien and Moira North. Over thirty-five participants were molded into two separate ensembles and these groups created performance set to the music of Vivaldi and Debussy. The apprentice groups' debut for the season was on Good Friday at Rockefeller Center where they performed as part of the annual Flower Festival.



Progressives

BABY BOOM! Congratulations to ITNY Ensemble member DMITRI GROMOV and his wife SVETLANA on the birth of their daughter, ANASTASIA, in April.....Former Ensemble member ADAM LIEB and wife HELEN gave birth to another beautiful girl, Devon Rachel, in June.. JOJO STARBUCK and husband JEFF GERTLER are expecting the arrival of twins in the beginning of November. CHRISTOPHER COLTON, son of ITNY's Founder MOIRA NORTH and husband JAY COLTON, celebrated his second birthday in June and can say "hockey puck" & "Zamboni" perfectly!

Congratulations to BETH WORONOFF, on completing her Masters degree in Architecture from Parsons School of Design this spring. Our other academics include Jon Stine at Rutgers, Kenny Moir at Pace and Stephanie Hawkins at NYU.



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Message from the Associate Director

"The life of man is a self-evolving circle, which, from a ring imperceptibly small, rushes on all sides outwards to new and larger circles, and that without end."

-R. W. Emerson 1841

I made a vivid proof of Emerson's assertion last month when a sudden recollection hit me. From home in Philadelphia my first trip to New York was... I'd always thought it was with my high school English class, but, no... When I was six or seven (young enough to have to strain to see out the car window, I remember that) my first trip to New York was in the 50's with my family, to see my grandmother off on a boat trip to Scotland, her native country. The liner sailed from a pier just like, if not the same one that the Chelsea Piers Project now revivifies. And 40 years later, in the vaulted sunny space I feel the same awe I felt then to smell the water and be out over it. Then and now, the pier promised adventure, light and movement. I've come a circle.

The new rinks are spectacular and I speak for all skaters in the world to thank Roland Betts and the Chelsea Piers Management, David Tewkesbury, Ron Kraut and their staffs for giving New York these incredible facilities. We inaugurate the rinks with a spirit of enterprise, energy and tremendous enthusiasm! Come visit us soon.

-ROB MCBRIEN

Party Performances

Ice Theatre is available for private performances at Sky Rink, Wollman Rink in Central Park, the Rink at Rockefeller Plaza, or your local community rink. Whether it is a children's party or a corporate event, we can tailor our performances to suit your event. Call (212) 239-4320 for information.

Have Workshops, Will Travel!

Ice Theatre Workshops can be booked for your local community rink or skating club. For more information, call (212) 239-4320.

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