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DANCING ON ICE

Program Notes

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Welcome. Tonight, we are pleased to share with you the art of dancing on ice with the following guest performers:

1. Ariel Williams

Music: Tchaikovsky, "Sleeping Beauty"

Choreography: Rob McBrien

Ariel Williams, an 11-year old student at the Dalton School, has been skating for 6 years. She was featured in Panasonic's 1992 Winter Olympic advertising campaign and was chosen to skate this past summer in Sun Valley's famous Ice Show. Ariel performs with the Ice Theater of New York, the nation's first not-for-profit skating performance ensemble.

2. Nathan Birch

Music: Edward Elgar, "Chrysalis"

Choreography: Nathan Birch & Tim Murphy

Nathan Birch is the artistic director of the Next Ice Age, based in Baltimore. A former national competitor and principal skater with John Curry Skaters, Nathan is committed to figure skating as a performance art. The National Endowment for the Arts recently awarded him with a choreographers' fellowship.

3. Marina Kulbitskaya & Alexander Esman

Music: Miles Davis and Michel LeGrand, "Duo"

Choreography: William Whitener

Marina Kulbitskaya and Alexander Esman are originally from Russia. Former national competitors and stars of the Torvill and Dean tour and the world-renowned Moscow Ice Ensemble, Marina and Alexander are new members of the Ice Theater of New York.

4. David Liu

Music: Art of Noise, "Hip Hop"

Choreography: William Wade

Twenty-six year old David Liu has represented his native China/Taipei in many international events, including the 1988 and 1992 Winter Olympics. This summer he won the gold medal in the Oberstdorf (Germany) International competition. David is also working toward his B.A. in International Relations at Case Western Reserve University.

5. Rosalynn Sumners

Music: Kate Bush, "This Woman's Work"

Choreography: Rosalynn Sumners

From Seattle, Washington, Rosalynn Sumners was the former world champion and silver medalist in the 1984 Olympic Games at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. She was also the star of the ice skating version of "The Sleeping Beauty," choreographed by Lar Lubovitch. As a professional, Rosalynn continues to perform for audiences around the world, delighting millions with her beautiful artistry.

This evening's benefit celebrates the contributions of Lar Lubovitch to the art of ice dancing. His first contribution to the art was in 1979, when he choreographed "Tiltawhirl" for Olympic figure skaters John Curry and Peggy Fleming. In 1984, that ice dance was later performed at the Metropolitan Opera by Curry and Dorothy Hamill. Also for that season at Lincoln Center, Lubovitch choreographed "Court of Ice" starring Curry and JoJo Starbuck. For television in 1988, Lubovitch choreographed a full-length ice skating version of "The Sleeping Beauty" which starred Robin Cousins and Rosalynn Summers. That program was broadcast throughout the United States on PBS and throughout Great Britain on Anglia TV.

The proceeds from "Dancing on Ice" will help fund the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company's 25th anniversary season, which will include the creation of a new ballet, the revival of several classic works and an extensive tour of America and Europe.

For their special help this evening the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company would like to thank the **HONORARY BENEFIT COMMITTEE** of "Dancing on Ice," the **GUEST PERFORMERS**, our many **VOLUNTEERS** and also:

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