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**UP IN  
LIGHTS**

*Ice Show*

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**  
1pm & 6pm Shows

Edora Pool and Ice Center (EPIC), 1801 Riverside Ave, Fort Collins, CO  
Sanctioned by United States Figure Skating

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Dear Friends of the Ice Extravaganza Ice Show!

Thank you for attending “Up in Lights!”—the third ice show produced by the Fort Collins Figure Skating Club! We are so grateful that you came, and we hope you enjoy our glamorous skating showcase of music and characters from award-winning productions on stage and screen!

2024 Ice Extravaganza is made possible with the dedication of our coaches—the architects of skating magic—and the hard-working volunteers organizing the details essential to produce a show featuring over 130 figure skaters of all ages from the northern Colorado. The FCFSC Board of Directors thank our supremely skilled coaches for their creative choreography, musical artistry, and teamwork to create such a magical experience highlighting our skaters’ talents! The Board also thanks all the skaters and families who have sacrificed time and energy to attend rehearsals and to support our club’s mission for an experience built on collaboration, inclusiveness, and fun. FCFSC is humbly grateful to our financial donors who have helped offset the hefty expenses for this event and to our community for their support of diverse sporting and artistic opportunities. Lastly, we thank EPIC’s staff who have worked hard to make this rink a dreamscape of ice and lights!

Today’s show will recognize some of our skaters who graduate from high school this year. For some of these graduates, having skated in their first shows at 5 years old and culminating with today’s performance, this show is bittersweet! For other skaters today is their first ice show experience. But for all the skaters, this event is an experience full of skating joy! We hope you enjoy today’s ice show. Our skaters have worked very hard to bring it to you! Our talent and presentation are a gift to our moms! Thank you for supporting our dreams!

Now, it’s showtime!

Happy Mother’s Day!

Fort Collins Figure Skating Club Board of Directors



# 2024 ICE EXTRAVAGANZA SHOW

## PRODUCTION CREDITS

### Ice Show Chairs

Gayleen Carpenter, Stacy Morse, Juliana Schump

### Ice Show Committee Chairs

<b>Announcing:</b>	Calvin McConnell
<b>Advertising:</b>	Maria Miller
<b>Costumes:</b>	Christa Miller
<b>Fundraising:</b>	Monica Cristiani
<b>Lighting:</b>	Rudy Schuster
<b>Merchandise:</b>	Stacey Knuckey
<b>Music:</b>	Kristin Conroy
<b>Program:</b>	Heidi Early
<b>Sets and Props:</b>	Stacey Knuckey, Maria Miller
<b>Volunteers:</b>	Stacy Morse

### Choreographers

Kassie Hawley  
Katie Holmes

Brooklyn King  
Pam Kurtz

Denaysa Sisemore  
Marianne Strobel

All of the many volunteers  
who have helped make this show a success!

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# SKATING NUMBERS AND CAST

## FIRST HALF

### The Emmys

PARENT SKATE (*Growing Pains*)

THE WEEKEND CROWD (*Happy Days*)..... \*Ava Alvarez, Teddy Hanna, Juniper Holubar,  
Kinsley Mitchell, Evi Perroni, Faith Ruvolo; \*Lauren Knuckey

BRET MAVERICK (*Bret Maverick*)..... Colten Allen

CENTRAL PERK (*Friends*)..... Emarie Brass, Makena Day, Jack Laut, Joshua Payne,  
Evie Singleton, Evelyn Smith, \*Fiona Carpenter

THE ISLANDERS (*Gilligan's Island*)..... Eric Anderson, Christina Marchese, Calvin McConnell,  
Emily O'Connell, Robyn Seldin, Stephen Warren

GILMORE GIRLS..... Julie Choe, Madeleine Ebersole, Jessica Ferguson

THE MUPPETS.....(*Intro to Showcase Team*) Palmer Gornell, Paityn Gwash,  
Bailey Hood, Isaac McClellan, Shayla Thompson, Everly Thompson

RACHEL BERRY (*Glee*)..... Addison Mitchell

GLEE CLUB (*Glee*)..... Zoë Anderson, Fiona Carpenter, Megan Doherty, Kaiya Goodwin,  
Lauren Knuckey, Olivia Melchert, Harper Morse, Claudia Schuster

### The Oscars

WIZARD OF OZ (*Wizard of Oz*)..... (*Aspire 3 Fire Crystals Synchro Team*) Ava Alvarez,  
Sofia Garcia, Quetzalli Gonzales, Abby Meazoa,  
Ashleigh Porter, Claire Schump, Maraki Tesfaye

JAMES BOND (*007*)..... Winton Miller

LOLLIPOPS (*Bright Eyes*)..... Hadley Avinger, Madelyn Blakely, \*Megan Goodwin, Aria Hahn,  
Aliya Harvey, \*Melina Miller, Asimina Perroni, Kaylee Urich

THE FLATMATES (*LaLa Land*)..... Kaiya Goodwin, Nour Hamdan,  
Mackenzie Irish, MaeBelle Jesness

FLIGHT CREW(*Top Gun*)..... Ava Alvarez, Braelyn Banning, Quincette Bogosian,  
Hannah Irish, Sage Mastbergen, Claire Schump,  
Olivia Soto, Leo Stasevich, Elizabeth Whitlock

BARBIES (*Barbie*)..... (*Aspire 1 Fire Crystals Synchro Team*) Olivia Coblentz,  
Hadley Cristiani, Kensley Crozier, Michelle Duncan,  
Palmer Gornell, Mia Powers, Kate Rosgen, Margaret Samuels,  
Everly Thompson, Shayla Thompson, Cora White

JUDY GARLAND (*Summer Stock*)..... Katherine Hicks

PROTON PACKS (*Ghostbusters*)..... \*Braelyn Banning, Lillian Bicknell, Nora Dairman-Cahill,  
Adelyn Laut, Emma Sabia, Kara Tater, Sophie Tater, Meimei Zheng

FIRST HALF WRAP-UP (*Fame*)

-INTERMISSION-

\* - denotes Learn to Skate Assistant for this number

## SECOND HALF

### The Grammys

THE SUPREMES.....	Merritt Cramer, Olivia Melchert, Addison Mitchell, Anya Schuster
DIANA ROSS.....	Merritt Cramer
THE LONELY HEARTS CLUB.....	Maddie Albert, Noelle Duncan, Palmer Gornell, *Nour Hamdan, Sophia Myers, Ashleigh Porter, Isabella Sabia, Margaret Samuels, Shayla Thompson, Victoria Wightman
JOURNEY.....	( <i>Adult Fire Crystals Synchro Team</i> ) Eric Anderson, Barbara Applegate, Leslie Brandt, Patricia Brinks, Monica Cristiani, Camryn Flood, Lacy Fuller, William Hudson, Rhonda Lund, Ruthie Lundin, Christina Marchese, Calvin McConnell, Hillary Payne, Robyn Seldin, Rachel Siddall, Sierra Smurlolee, Kirstin Syp
THE SPICE GIRLS.....	Fiona Carpenter, Sadie Coatman, Megan Doherty, Lauren Knuckey, Mayley Miller
SELENA QUINTANILLA.....	Melina Miller
SWIFTIES.....	Allison Blanda, Emily Clopper, Tweety Jesness, Carmen King, * <i>Claire Schump</i> , Connelly Toth, Zariah Zorn
DORIS DAY.....	Emily O'Connell

### The Tonys

THE SAILORS ( <i>Anything Goes</i> ).....	Eden Blad, Yaretzi Gonzalez, Dolly Jesness, Maline Jesness, Abby Meazoa
THE OPTIMISTS ( <i>Annie</i> ).....	Hadley Cristiani, Evelyn Dally, Genevieve Dally, Sylvia Mikash, Mia Powers, Brielle Prader, * <i>Olivia Soto</i> , Everly Thompson
ORPHEUS ( <i>Hadestown</i> ).....	Fiona Carpenter
MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS ( <i>Rent</i> ).....	Barbara Applegate, Monica Cristiani, Megan Goodwin, Rob Hanley, * <i>Katherine Hicks</i> , Cassidy Hiseler, Gaby Lauta, Rhonda Lund, Ruthie Lundin, Kristina Mitchell, Hillary Payne, Elizaveta Shapiro
DANCE CONTESTANTS ( <i>Hairspray</i> ).....	Abigail Blakely, Sofia Garcia, Quetzalli Gonzalez, Paityn Gwash, Taylor Hausman, Bailey Hood, Isaac McClellan, Gretchen Michalski, Maxton Miller, Abigail Perciante, Kate Rosgen
GLINDA ( <i>Wicked</i> ).....	Harper Morse
WONDERLAND.....	( <i>EPIC Productions Showcase Team</i> ) Zoë Anderson, Calvin McConnell, Sadie Coatman, Emily Davis, Nour Hamdan, Lauren Knuckey, Olivia Melchert, Melina Miller, Claire Schump, Anya Schuster, Claudia Schuster, Leo Stasevich

# WHO'S WHO— GRADUATING SENIORS



**COLTEN ALLEN (BRET MAVERICK)**, *Poudre H.S., Front Range CC*

Colten has skated for 12 years. Some of his past roles included Lord Farquaad, Kristoff, and Mr. Incredible. After facing back problems and having to give up pairs skating, Colten learned perseverance. “With the help of Coach Denaysa I’m finding ways to continue to skate and find joy in skating again.”

*Note of gratitude: “I would like to thank my mom for always having my back and loving my skating as much as I do; my dad for showing up to everything and being there for me; Coach Susan for paving my skating road; Coach Shelby for not just being my coach but my therapist and best friend through my toughest years, and Coach Denaysa for taking over and being exactly what I needed when Shelby left. My family and friends for your encouragement and always being at every one of my competitions and shows.”*



**EDEN BLAD**, *Fossil Ridge H.S.*

Eden has been skating on and off for 7 years, and has participated in two prior ice shows. Through skating, Eden has learned resilience and to stop comparing herself to others. It also taught her to appreciate the hard work needed to make something appear simple.

*Note of gratitude: “I would like to thank Coach Katie Holmes, she is the most encouraging & kind coach I could’ve asked for. I will miss her & all the life advice she gave me while also being a brilliant skating coach. She explains things in a way that just makes SENSE!”*



**FIONA CARPENTER (ORPHEUS), Fossil Ridge H.S.**

Fiona has been skating for 13 years; her first role was a Louisiana Frog in the "Mardi Gras" production and her favorite roles have been in *Coco*, "1950s," and playing Orpheus for my solo this year. Skating has taught Fiona the joy of performing and how to get back up after falling.

*Note of gratitude: "Thank you to my Mom for being my first and biggest fan, and my sister for being my best friend through thick and thin."*

**Congratulations!**



**MERRITT CRAMER (DIANA ROSS), Polaris Expeditionary Learning School**

Merritt has skated for 12 years; some roles she held were: Miguel (*Coco*), Tamatoa (*Moana*), Water Horse (*Frozen*), and Anne Wheeler (*The Greatest Showman*). Through skating Merritt learned how to work through disappointment in order to reach goals, to be persistent and consistent.

*Note of gratitude: "I would like to thank my coaches and my parents for always supporting me and my goals."*



**KATHERINE HICKS (JUDY GARLAND), Fort Collins H.S.**

Katherine started skating at 8; her first role was a part of the “Circle of Life” Learn to Skate group! Some of her other roles included *Beauty and the Beast*, *Anastasia*, *Aladdin*, and *Teen Beach Movie*. Skating has taught Katy what it means to be a leader and the importance of grit and tenacity. “I am forever grateful for this wonderful opportunity to meet so many amazing people and develop so many qualities that contribute to the person I am today.”

*Note of gratitude: “I cannot ever express enough gratitude to coach Katie Holmes for not only coaching me through figure skating, but through so many life experiences. FCFSC is so lucky to have such a valuable coach like Katie. I’d also like to thank my parents for supporting me unconditionally with each of my endeavors and pushing me to never give up.”*



**MELINA MILLER (SELENA), Colorado Early College H.S**

Melina has skated for 11 years. She has played young Moana, Pabbie (*Frozen 2*), Bartok (*Anastasia*), and was in the *Mama Mia* number last year. Skating taught Melina the importance of dedication and friendship; having support and encouragement of friends made her realize that she wants to be a dependable person that lifts up everyone.

*Note of gratitude: “I would like to thank my parents for being so supportive in allowing me to pursue this sport and always my biggest supporters. I’d also like to thank my coaches, Denaysa and Katie for being so supportive and encouraging and always making me smile every time I had lessons. I also would to thank my friends for coming to many shows and competitions to cheer me on.”*





**WINTON MILLER (JAMES BOND), Poudre H.S.**

Winton started skating at 12 years old and began learning pairs skating under Coach Shelby Lyons, later passing individual and the Juvenile Pairs Test. Past ice show roles he held included: King Gristle (*Trolls*), Price Charming (*Into the Woods*), and Nigel (*Matilda*). Through skating, Winton established more trust with his sister, learning to trust her lead for decision-making in their skating. He also learned how to make his mom happy by continuing to skate.

*Note of gratitude: "I would like to thank my coaches for encouragement and allowing me to skate around my sports schedule; my family, neighbors and friends who make time to watch me; my mom for forcing me to continue; and most importantly, my sister who has been my loyal partner and has given me confidence in my athleticism in this sport, you are my best friend and the only one I want to skate with."*



**ADDISON MITCHELL (RACHEL BERRY), Rocky Mountain H.S.**

Addison has been skating for 8 years. She enjoyed roles in *Matilda*, *Into the Woods*, and *Coco*, but her favorites were as the Cheshire Cat and a clown in the circus number. Skating has taught Addison about resilience, perseverance, and the importance of living a balanced life. It has also taught her how to face fears and challenges, how to enjoy the moment and, as Coach Katie would say, "Ride the Glide."

*Note of gratitude: "I want to thank all my wonderful coaches for helping me grow as both a person and a skater, my parents for sacrificing and doing so much to always support me in what I love, my sister for being a cool human being, my fabulous friends at the rink who make every day of training so much fun, and this incredible club and all the amazing people in it."*



**HARPER MORSE (GLINDA), Loveland H.S.**

Harper has skated for about 10 years. Her favorite ice show roles were the Step Sister from Into the Woods and Island Girls in Moana. Through skating, she learned that “in every aspect of your life there will be outside pressure and expectations. However, skating is something that I can control - it's no one on the ice but me.”

*Note of gratitude: “I would like to thank all of my coaches - and Coach Katie for always making practice a fun and safe space. She taught me that skating isn't about winning or the skills, but it's about expressing yourself and creating community.”*



**EMILY O'CONNELL (DORIS DAY), Fossil Ridge H.S.**

Emily been skating for about 6 years, and this will be her third ice show! In the past she was a part of the adult numbers for the 80's in the Dancing Through the Decades Show and in the Great Gatsby for Story Book Adventure! From skating, Emily learned how to work in a team and how to get up and keep moving- even if she has a hard fall or gets knocked down! The show must go on!

*Note of gratitude: “I want to personally thank my dad. He was the one who pushed me to try new things and would take me to practice every week! He was my biggest supporter and would even don his own skates to join me on the ice— not just to practice, but for the ice show too!*

*I would also love to personally thank Katie Holmes, my coach who has not only gotten me to where I am, but has also pushed me to explore new moves and ideas. She supports me through every fall, every win, and every big performance. And I cannot thank her enough.”*

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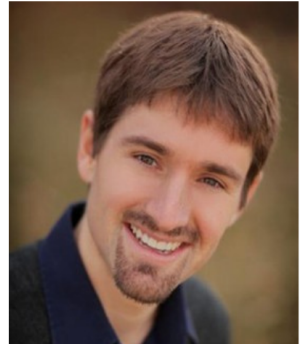
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