

Ice Show 2007

The Preston Figure Skating Club is proud to present its Annual Ice Show - Lights Drama Action!!! Each year we bring a variety of new and exciting tributes to the Cambridge Community and this year is no different!!!

We have something for everyone, with Tribute to the "Animated film Cars" & Rock to the Rhythm. We will spell-bind you with a two hour production showcasing all of this music, plus special lighting effects, movable props, special live video, singles, pairs, dance and fours skating, music created by movement as well as top of the class choreography.

This year as any, we invite all of you to participate in the 2007 Ice Show no matter if you are a home club member of Preston FSC or not!!! All skaters are treated as equals. All Sectional skaters that train with us all year are expected to participate in the ice show.

Below are some important information, dates and helpful tips to make this an enjoyable experience!!!

An overall schedule of the month:

- All skaters that train at the Preston FSC should participate in the 2007 Ice Show. (Sectional level and higher are expected to participate in the ice show; home club membership does not matter)
 - SHOW DATES: March 23, 24, 25, 2007
 - First day of Practices and Optional Ice package is Monday February 26, 2007, however there will be some practices on February 24, 2007.
 - Practices will be scheduled throughout the week (Monday to Thursday) and on Saturdays.
 - If the first week you practice a specific number on a Monday, that does not mean you will always practice that number at that specific time. It is possible for some rehearsal to start at 3:00pm not 3:30pm.
 - Our attempt is to have the rehearsal schedule distributed one week in advance, however as we get closer to the show, that is sometimes more difficult to do. Much of our practice takes place during March Break. It is necessary for you to be at these practices.
 - Anyone that is not able to attend may be removed from the numbers. Our objective is to have all numbers completed by the Thurs. of that week, so that production can start being run on the Friday of March Break.
 - During March break skaters at a Junior Bronze & higher level will be potentially at the arena each day with a combination of on ice & off ice sessions. It is necessary to notify Mr Wheeler at time of registration if you will be away for March Break.
 - Please note breaks will be scheduled for the skaters. Skaters should be prepared to bring snacks that can be heated up in the microwave or munch on, as a sit-down break will not always be available.
 - Casting is completely Mr Wheeler's call and based on the necessary personal for that number. The choreographers have little input into the names of any skaters put in their numbers. This is done to help ensure fairness and equality.
 - As well, we hope to run a full-technical rehearsal on Saturday March 17, 2007 starting at 2:00pm.
 - Our attempt is to have everyone out of the building as fast as possible on the Thursday night dress rehearsal, therefore no formal breaks will be happening that evening. (please make sure skaters have food to munch on but not in the dressing room area!!!)
 - If you have a concern and wish to speak to the director, you will need to make an appointment. Please do not expect immediate meetings in the booth prior, during or after rehearsals.
 - This year, there will be two nights for set up – March 20th, 21, 2006 – we need everyone to help out!!!!
 - For more information about the ice show, please visit our website @ www.prestonfsc.com .
 - The week of the show:
 - This will be the tentative schedule:
 - Monday - on ice rehearsal from 4:00pm - 7:00pm
 - Tuesday - on ice rehearsal from 4:00pm - 7:00pm
 - Wednesday - on ice rehearsal from 4:00pm - 7:00pm
 - Thursday - dress rehearsal starting at 4:00pm - ?
 - Friday - technical rehearsal during the day
- Shows: Friday Night 8:00pm Saturday - 2:00pm, 7:00pm Sunday - 2:00pm

Costumes: Part of the ice show fee, goes toward paying for all of the fabric and the sewing of the articles, however at times, we are not able to do all the sewing and require assistance in sewing outfits. If this happens, we will give you specific directions and assistance when asked. Each number will have a specific look, you may be asked to look around your house and bring some items in. We are always looking for people to help with the sewing and assist with the accessory pieces (don't need to know how to sew). Most of these items can be taken home to do when you have time...(any amount of time you can give would be greatly appreciated). If interested, please contact CTC office. There will be a make up schedule posted before each show listing your make up time slot. Please keep note of this.

Casting: The costing list is posted approximately two weeks before the ice show practices begin. Casting is completely Mr Wheeler's call and based on the necessary personal for that number. The choreographers have little input into the names of any skaters put in their numbers. This is done to help ensure fairness and equality.

Ticket Sales: This year, you will be able to purchase 4 adult tickets with the signing up of ice show. Any additional tickets you wish to purchase will be available once they become available to the general public. If you are in the second half of the show, you will not be able to watch the show! If you are in "Cars" production only, you will be able to see the second half!! Please make sure your family purchases a ticket for you otherwise you wont be able to see it!!!

Practice Information:

All practices will be held at the Preston Auditorium or Karl Homuth arena (located across the street from Preston Auditorium). A few weeks before you start rehearsals, you will receive a list of what production numbers you are in (there may be changes/additions - however Mr Wheeler will speak directly to you about this). Each time you receive a new rehearsal schedule, please read it carefully to see if any of your production numbers are practicing - if they are not listed, then you do not need to attend! Practices during the week will not start before 3:00pm (except during March Break); therefore you are not required to leave school early... If you are unable to attend a practice, please discuss it with Mr Wheeler as well as leave a message on the missed session line: 519-624-8532, press # 2!

Security:

This is very important to the Preston Figure Skating Club. We want our skaters to feel safe while participating in the rehearsals and the show. At the beginning of March Break all skaters will be required to wear a pass and be dropped off and picked up at the back of the Preston Auditorium (zamboni end). The only people that will be allowed in the downstairs hallway once March Break begins will be the people with a pass. The security personnel will be more than willing to get your child from the dressing room area, but parents, friends will not be allowed in the restricted areas. All skaters (no matter their age) are required to sign in and out and have permission from the Coach on Duty if they wish to leave the arena. There are no exceptions to this rule. There is also a form included in this package that we ask the parents to fill out; this form allows the skaters to leave the building with a "buddy".

How can you help?

Well there are a number of different ways. We encourage moms, dads, and family members to become involved in the ice show. Here are just a few ways of helping out:

Assist during the show: security, back stage, ushers, ticket collectors, banquet hall personnel, dressing room moms, volunteer food table

We also require help in making the props - if you are interested, please contact Dan @519-653-2252.

Set up is a very rewarding night. This year, the focus day for set up will be Tuesday evening March 20th & 21st, 2007. We need as many people as possible - doesn't matter the age, we can find something for everyone to do!!! Set up will begin at approximately 7:00pm - 1:00am...anytime that you can help would be greatly appreciated, even if only for a couple of hours!!!!

The other night that we need a large crew is take down - last year, everyone was out of the arena and finished within 3 ½ hours....lets hope we get enough people out to assist this year that we can do that again!!!! We start take down as soon as the Sunday afternoon show is finished!!!!

For the Preston FSC members that have been involved and helped out in the past, we would like to take this time to say thanks!!!! Your hard work and dedication is what makes this show great!!! Without your support we would have no help!!! For the new members of the Preston FSC team...we look forward to getting to know you and making the experience great for everyone!!!!

An Option For Skaters wishing to skate general sessions:

In the past, the general sessions that were offered during ice show were sporadic and overcrowded... once again this year we are offering a package to those skaters. Please note: This is not mandatory. If you wish this, please indicate it on the application form...

During the last week of February & the first 2 weeks of March, if you do not purchase this package, there will be no general sessions available to you

Pre-Novice & higher singles and pair Optional Package Includes:

2 general sessions per week, including 1 guaranteed private lesson each week. Near the beginning of ice show practices, you will receive a schedule detailing what general sessions you will be on. Our plan is to not have more than 22 skaters on the ice at one time. The general sessions will be split depending on the level of the skaters.

Junior Bronze to Juvenile Optional Package Includes:

1 general session per week, including 1 guaranteed private lesson each week. Near the beginning of ice show practices, you will receive a schedule detailing what general sessions you will be on. Our plan is to not have more than 22 skaters on the ice at one time.

Pre-Preliminary to Preliminary Optional Package Includes:

1 general session per week, including 1 guaranteed private lesson per week. This package is slightly different, as you can pick the number of weeks you wish to sign up for! Near the beginning of ice show practices, you will receive a schedule detailing what general sessions you will be on. Our plan is to not have more than 22 skaters on the ice at one time.

If you request more private lessons, please mark it down on the application included in this package. Please note: Extra lessons will be invoiced based on your regular lesson fee price.

If you have any questions about the ice show, please do not hesitate to email the Preston FSC at prestonskating@bellnet.ca or contact them at 519-653-2252 and the appropriate person will get back in touch with you.