Dear Star and Podium Pathway families,

Next week is show week and there is a lot to remember. Hopefully, we have been able to capture it all in one place. Hang on to your hats – this is a long email.

1. Volunteering

Every family in the show is required to take **two** of the positions listed in <u>Sign-Up-Genius/Gliding Through the Sounds of Time</u>. You are required to take **three** positions if you have two or more skaters in the show. It takes a lot of bodies behind the scenes to pull this off. If you have the capacity to do more shifts, please feel free to do so - thanks.

Positions in particular need are:

- Dressing Room Supervision (Sunday) this is currently the number one problem area!
- Heavy Lifting/Rink Set up Crew the arena schedule is clear after our rehearsal on Friday, so the Town is allowing us to begin setup **Friday evening** (instead having to start early on Saturday morning.) This involves moving bleachers and staging plus taping down the walkway for our audience.
- Front of House and Security Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Please be aware that duties in this area run from before the show starts until the audience leaves. During the show, volunteers will rotate through positions so they will be able to see parts of the show from the sidelines only.
- Also, there are several slots available within the Rink Setup team, Saturday
 Dressing Room Supervision team, Sunday afternoon Heavy Lifting/Take Down
 Crew, Rink & Lobby Take Down team and Monday Costume and Curtain
 Storage team.
- To select your <u>volunteer shifts</u> go to: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BA8A72BABF9C34-48172789-gliding#/

2. Tickets

To answer the question about who needs to purchase a ticket: unless you are volunteering as spotlight operator, stage crew or dressing room supervisor for that particular show; you need to purchase a ticket to be in the audience.

Friday, March 15 through Sunday, March 17 – enter the Promo Code: **Skating2024** to purchase general admission tickets for \$20 (plus handling fees). Children 6 years of age and under are free but please select the number of children attending so they are in our capacity count.

Link to our <u>Eventbrite</u> page: <u>https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/gliding-through-the-sounds-of-time-a-figure-skating-performance-tickets-846676892377?aff=oddtdtcreator</u>

3. Costumes

- a. Fittings Ongoing and we are trying to do them before or after you/your child skates but if you receive a short notice email request for a fitting do not be surprised and do your very best to attend.
- b. Questions about costumes ask the coach choreographing the number or if you are doing your own choreography, ask Jan and he will get the right person to contact you.

4. Hair and Makeup

- a. Makeup a tasteful but theatre level amount of blush, eye shadow and lipstick will be applied by the dressing room supervisors (or you can do it yourself if you already know what to do). In some cases, a little extra to suit the character being portrayed may be required.
- b. Hair by default, long hair must be tied back neatly and clipped if necessary to be off the skater's face. Coaches and Costume team may have discussed something different for you specifically, in which case follow their instructions.
 - NOTE: our photographer will be taking photos during the dress rehearsal only and doing video during the show.

5. Other things to bring:

- a. Full zip jacket to stay warm backstage. Needs to be easy to take off just before going out to perform.
- b. Blanket (optional) will be especially useful while watching Dress Rehearsal
- c. Water bottle no other beverages in the dressing room
- d. Non-messy, non-sticky snacks
- e. Some quiet activity to amuse yourself. It's show business, there is a lot of waiting around in between flurries of activity.

6. Rehearsal Schedule

- a. Coaches are determining the final week of scheduled rehearsals, stay tuned. We hope you can be flexible and join in on the extra rehearsals.
- b. Run show and learn finale: Friday, March 22 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Please look for dressing room assignments we only get two dressing rooms during this time slot.
- c. Dress rehearsal: Saturday, March 23 from 2:00pm-5:00pm. Costume, hair and makeup on before you go into the audience. **Parents sorry, you don't get to watch the dress rehearsal.**
 - 1:00-2:00 Addie Pehl and Daniel Yu practice time
 - 2:00-2:15 Group 1 Warm-up (Maya A, Madelaine, Izabel, Hannah, Leilah, Abby W., Val, Lori)
 - 2:15-2:30 Group 2 Warm-up (Abby B, Emma B, Graham, Paige, Maya G, Hazel)

Flood (2:30-2:45)

- 2:45-4:00 Run the show
- 4:00-5:00 Re-dos and fixes but hopefully dinner break

(Flood at 5:45 before doors open to public.)

- 7. "Dinner Time" between the Dress Rehearsal and Show call time.
 - a. If you have the ability to get away from the rink and take a nap, eat something nutritious and have some quiet time. That is the recommended course of action.
 - b. If you will be staying at the rink, Room 230 (upstairs between the two arenas) is booked for our use. There will be tables and chairs setup for you to eat your dinner and there will be adult supervision. You are responsible for bringing your own food and drink.
- 8. Show #1 Saturday, March 23 check-in/call time for Star/PP performers is 5:30pm
 - a. Skater Check-in is in the back lobby near the dressing rooms. Easiest if you enter through the back doors of the Rec Centre.
 - b. Skaters say "good-bye" to parents. Active volunteers and performers only backstage.
 - c. We expect the show to run until 8:00pm. All costume pieces must stay in the dressing rooms. You may leave your skates and any personal effects as well.

- d. Parents, pick your skater(s) up in the back lobby.
- 9. Show #2 Sunday, March 22 check-in/call time for Star/PP performers is 10:00am

• 9:15-9:45am Warm-up Addie and Daniel

• 9:45-10:00am Group 1 Warm-up (Maya A, Madelaine, Izabel,

Hannah, Leilah, Abby W, Val, Lori)

• 10:00-10:15am Group 2 Warm-up (Abby B, Emma B, Graham, Paige,

Maya G, Hazel)

(Flood at 10:15 before doors open to public.)

- a. Same check-in routine as yesterday.
- b. We expect the show to run until 12:30pm. All costume pieces provided by the Club must stay in the dressing rooms. Please take all of your personal belongings with you.
- c. Parents, pick your skater(s) up in the back lobby.
- d. Skaters there will be a little treat for you up in Room 230. Drop by before you leave. (Cast party has been cancelled.)

Thank you for all your hard work and enthusiasm.

See you at the rink!