

## ISU unveils the star-studded Jury and the ISU Skating Awards Statue

**December 6, 2019. Today, the International Skating Union unveiled the Skating Awards trophy and announced the celebrities that will compose the six-member jury panel for the inaugural ISU Skating Awards.**

The high-profile jury is composed of noteworthy and accomplished Figure Skating experts. The Jury, presided by ISU Council member Ms. Marie Lundmark, will have the honor and responsibility of carefully determining the winners of the seven categories of the inaugural ISU Skating Awards Montréal 2020 are:

**Eric Radford (CAN)** - Pair Skater, who, with his partner Meagan Duhamel, is a two-time ISU World Figure Skating Champion (2015 and 2016), 2018 Olympic bronze medallist and Gold medallist in the team event, two-time ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Champion (2013 and 2015) and the 2014/15 ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final Champion.

**Lu Chen (CHN)** - 1995 ISU World Figure Skating Champion and the first Figure Skater from China to win bronze at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships (1992 and 1993) and at the Olympic Games in 1994 and 1998.

**Miki Ando (JPN)** - two-time ISU World Figure Skating Champion (2007 and 2011), 2011 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Champion and 2004 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Champion and the first female skater to land a quadruple jump in competition.

**Surya Bonaly (FRA)** - three-time ISU World Figure Skating Silver medallist (1993-1995), five-time ISU European Figure Skating Champion (1991-1995) and 1991 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Champion.

**Tatiana Navka (RUS)** - Ice Dancer, who, with her partner Roman Kostomarov, is 2006 Olympic Champion, two-time ISU World Figure Skating Champion (2004 and 2005), three-time ISU European Figure Skating Champion (2004-2006) and three-time ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final Champion (2003-2005).

**Todd Eldredge (USA)** - 1996 ISU World Figure Skating Champion and 1988 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Champion.

The public, media and ISU Members can vote for their favorite Skater, Coach or Choreographer from the long list of candidates until February 10, 2020. On March 10, 2020 the ISU will announce the three nominees in each category. During the ISU World Figure Skating Championships in Montréal, Canada, the Jury will have the task to cast the final vote which will determine the winner in each category.

The winner of each category will be presented with a unique, handcrafted piece of art created by artist [Faton Kryeziu](#), that embodies the essence of Figure Skating. More than a Skater connected to the ice, it reflects the beauty of the sport through every angle. The lines illustrate movement, flow and artistry, while the bronze properties of the artwork portray the strong athletic character of the

sport. The gold provides a glamorous touch associated with the ceremony that will feature the world's best Figure Skaters and a Gala and Ceremony with breath-taking performances, entertaining music acts and memorable artistic compositions.

The ISU Skating Awards Selection Commission selected eligible candidates based on the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating event results and feedback. For the full list of candidates please register on the [ISU online voting platform](#) where votes can be cast in the following categories:

1. **Most Valuable Skater:** Honors the Single Skater or Pair or Ice Dance Couple who best managed to increase the level of popularity of Figure Skating with their fan base, media attention and sponsor appreciation.
2. **Best Costume:** Honors the Single Skater or Pair or Ice Dance Couple whose costume reflects creativity, contemporary implementation, fashion, style and originality.
3. **Most Entertaining Program:** Honors the Single Skater or Pair or Ice Dance Couple whose program had the best music selection, expression, creativity, contemporary implementation, originality and overall performance.
4. **Best Newcomer:** Honors a talented Single Skater or Pair or Ice Dance Couple competing very successfully in ISU Events on the Senior level for the first season.
5. **Best Choreographer:** Honors the choreographic work of a Choreographer who successfully inspired one or several Single Skaters and/or Pairs and/or ice Dance Couples.
6. **Best Coach:** Honors a Coach who delivered professional and efficient work and achieved outstanding results with one or several Single Skaters and/or Pairs and/or ice Dance Couples.
7. **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Honors a Figure Skating legend having achieved great success and popularity and is considered a role model in the Figure Skating world (will be announced on March 10, 2020).

To receive the latest information on the #ISUSkatingAwards please subscribe to the [ISU Newsletter here](#) and for more information please visit the [ISU Skating Awards](#) section of [ISU.ORG](#) and <https://montreal2020.com>. Click [here](#) to buy tickets for this exclusive event.

## About International Skating Union

The International Skating Union (ISU), founded in 1892, is the oldest governing international winter sport federation and the exclusive international sport federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) administering the sports of Figure Skating (Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance), Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating worldwide. The objectives of the ISU are to regulate, govern, promote and develop its sports on the basis of friendship and mutual understanding between athletes. Currently three ISU disciplines are included in the Olympic Winter Games program (Figure Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating). For further information please visit [isu.org](http://isu.org).

## About Skate Canada

A not-for-profit organization, Skate Canada is the oldest figure skating organization in the world and is recognized by the Government of Canada, the Canadian Olympic Committee, and the International Skating Union as the governing body for the sport of figure skating in Canada. As the largest learn-to-skate teaching organization in Canada, Skate Canada is dedicated to creating a nation of skaters both recreationally and competitively. Skate Canada is comprised of ten regional sections that are made up of over 1,200 skating clubs and 180,000 members, including over 10,000 volunteers and coaches who are dedicated to creating

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