

Elvis Stojko & Anouk Meunier to Host ISU Skating Awards

The International Skating Union (ISU), Skate Canada and Art on Ice are pleased to announce that Elvis Stojko and Anouk Meunier will be hosting the inaugural ISU Skating Awards. The ISU Skating Awards will take place at the conclusion of the ISU World Figure Skating Championships® 2020 in Montreal, Quebec, at Centre Bell on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 16:00.



Elvis Stojko ©SkateCanada

Anouk Meunier ©Bruno Petrozza and Echos-Vedettes

Three-time world champion, two-time Olympic silver medalist and seven-time Canadian champion, Elvis Stojko, will be one of two hosts at the ISU Skating Awards. Stojko first joined the Skate Canada National Team in 1990 and went on to become one of Canada's most successful Skaters. Stojko announced his retirement from competitive Figure Skating in 2006 but continues to entertain through skating shows and acting appearances.

Stojko will be joined by one of Quebec's most popular television personalities Anouk Meunier. Throughout her prolific career Meunier had the privilege to interview National and International Stars. She is currently working for TVA as a host. Most recently she has worked on LA VOIX the Quebec version of «THE VOICE».

The ISU Skating Awards, which combine the excitement of the traditional exhibition gala with the glitz and glamour of an awards show, were created to honor the world's best Skaters competing at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2020. In keeping with the exhibition gala tradition, the 2020 world medalists will perform an exhibition number coupled with live musical acts and exciting production numbers that combine contemporary skating and dance. Awards will be handed out to Skaters, Coaches and Choreographers in seven categories.





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ISU Skating Awards 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.

Day tickets for the ISU World Figure Skating Championships ® 2020 are on sale now and can be purchased online at <u>montreal2020.com</u>, by phone at 1-855-310-2525 or in person at the Centre Bell Box Office.

For further information on the ISU Skating Awards, please consult the FAQ on the <u>ISU Skating Awards</u> page and the <u>Montreal2020's FAQ.</u>

To receive the latest information on the #ISUSkatingAwards please subscribe to the <u>ISU</u> Newsletter here.

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 <u>isu.org</u>.

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 safe and healthy learning, training, and working environments in our communities. For further information please visit skatecanada.ca.







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About Art on Ice

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Year after year, millions of viewers, whether live in the stadium or at home in front of the TV, are enchanted by the passion and power of Art on Ice and its artists.

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