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ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2021 official song performed by Måns Zelmerlöw and Polina Gagarina

The Swedish Figure Skating Association and the International Skating Union (ISU) are proud to announce that the official song for the 2021 World Figure Skating Championships will be performed by international artists Måns Zelmerlöw and Polina Gagarina. The single will be released on February 19, 2021.

The ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2021 will be held at the Ericsson Globe in Stockholm (SWE) from March 22 – 28. The Swedish Figure Skating Association has partnered with Måns Zelmerlöw and Polina Gagarina, to create a specially commissioned song for the Championships entitled "Circles and Squares". The Swedish and Russian singers will also perform the single together during the Exhibition Gala on March 28, 2021.

The two artists met at the 2015 Eurovision Song Contest, which Måns Zelmerlöw won with his entry "Heroes" and Polina Gagarina took second place with "A Million Voices".

Although the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2021 are currently planned to be held behind closed doors, the event will be televised worldwide. The ISU will publish detailed information on where spectators can watch the Championships closer to the date.

"We hope that the official World Championships song will be something for the Figure Skating world to gather around and be proud of. With these two global stars performing the song, it'll be extremely popular and trigger interest from Figure Skating fans the world over," says Ulrika Molin, World Championships project director.

"When we wrote the song, we wanted to match the drama and dramaturgical dynamism of Figure Skating. I really think that we've created a song for the ice," says Måns.

"For me, this co-operation is not only about travelling to beautiful Sweden, where the World Championships are being held, but also about getting into the world of Figure Skating. I really admire the skaters. Everything they do seems impossible and fantastic to me. I'm delighted that Måns and I are singing the main track for this major event," adds Polina.

FACTS

Song release date: February 19, 2021 on Spotify and I-Tunes.

Music video release date: February 28, 2021

Title: Circles and Squares

Artists: Måns Zelmerlöw, Polina Gagarina

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About the 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).