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**Ice Dance International (IDI) opens US tour of GRACE: A Spellbinding Theatrical Experience**

 **in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine on March 4, 2023**

***New England’s Premier Ice Dancing Performing Arts Company, IDI, will present an evening of original works by figure skating’s best choreographers with an ensemble of world-class skaters following a weeklong residency at Monson Arts and the Piscataquis County Ice Arena with support from the Libra Foundation***

*Kittery, Maine –*  Ice Dance International’s ***Grace*** will open in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine on Saturday March 4th at 6:30pm. IDI performed ***Grace*** in Dover-Foxcroft last September and will return again after enthusiastic reviews. During the weeklong residence, the IDI company will also engage with the community providing skating lessons and short exhibitions.

***Grace*** features an ensemble company of ten world-class figure skaters including two-time United States Champion ***Alissa Czisny***. With choreography by 2022 OLYMPIC Choreographers’ **Benoît Richaud, Rohene** **Ward,** and leading choreographer for Disney on Ice, **Cindy Stuart**.

**The Ice Dance International Company**

A**lissa Czisny** (Toronto): 2 x United States Champion and Grand Prix Final Champion

**Collin Brubaker** (Chicago, IL): United States International team and 2022 US Open Champion

**Carly Donowick** (Buffalo, NY): United States International team

**Joseph Johnson** (New York, NY): United States International team and Grand Prix competitor

**Adam Kaplan** (Barrington, RI): Ice Dance International company member since 2017

**Jean-Simon Légaré** (Miami, FL): Star of ice shows across the world

**Karina Manta** (New York, NY): United States International team and Grand Prix competitor

**Kseniya Ponomaryova** (Geneva, IL): 2022 US Open Champion

**Lara Shelton** (Weymouth, MA): Featured in the 2022 Radio City Christmas Spectacular

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**For tour information and tickets** visit the IDI website’s events page: [www.icedanceinternational.org](http://www.icedanceinternational.org)

Tickets for March 4 are $15 for youth (16 and under) and $30 for general admission. VIP tickets are $50 and include prime seating and a post-show meet and greet with the cast.

***Grace*** is supported by Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center in Stowe, VT, the New England Foundation for the Arts, Strawbery Banke Museum in Portsmouth, NH, Monson Arts, the Libra Foundation and the Piscataquis County Ice Arena in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine with ongoing support from the Lisa McGraw Figure Skating Foundation.

***Grace*** tour dates include:

* Saturday March 4: **Dover-Foxcroft, Maine:** 6:30pm, Piscataquis County Ice Arena
* Thursday March 9: **St. Paul, Minnesota**: 6:30 pm, TRIA Rink
* Friday March 10th: **Milwaukee, Wisconsin:** 6:30pm, The Kern Center at MSOE
* Saturday March 11th: **Geneva, Illinois** (Chicago): 8:00pm, Fox Valley ice Arena
* Friday March 17th: **Tempe, Arizona**,7:00pm, Mountain America Community Iceplex
* Saturday March 18th: **Palm Springs, California**, 7:00pm, Berger Foundation Iceplex
* Sunday March 19th: **Los Angeles, California**, 2:30pm, The Rinks Lakewood ICE

**About Ice Dance International**

Established in 2014 as a non-profit organization and based in Kittery, Maine, IDI has built its local, US and global image through live and virtual performances and engaging educational and outreach programs. IDI exists to showcase and promote ice dancing as an internationally recognized performing art form. With a professional company and board of directors of figure skaters and dancers that includes World, Olympic and National champions Dorothy Hamill, JoJo Starbuck, Edward Villella, and Dick Button; IDI brings ice dance performances of the highest caliber to communities across the United States. IDI’s touring show, Grace, premiered in the fall of 2022 and was seen across New England and the MId-Atlantic Region. Upcoming IDI performances include a return to Jacob’s Pillow Dance Festival in July 2023. IDI’s partnerships include Strawbery Banke Museum in Portsmouth, NH and Spruce Peak in Stowe, Vermont.

**About Douglas Webster, IDI’s Executive and Artistic Director and Director/Choreographer of *Grace***

Douglas Webster is the Executive and Artistic Director of Ice Dance International (IDI), a professional performing arts figure skating company based in Kittery, Maine. Webster has directed all the company’s programs since its inception. Prior to founding IDI, he served as the Artistic Director for Ice Theatre of New York; Creative Director for Disson Skating’s 3-year series, Shall We Dance on Ice; and spent years as a choreographer for Disney on Ice, Holiday on Ice, and Stars on Ice. He is a leading figure skating educator heading IDI’s skate school, SKATE 360. These classes have been featured at United States Figure Skating’s elite training camps. Webster is also the Founding Artistic Director of Labrie Family Skate at Puddle Dock Pond in Portsmouth, NH; IDI’s winter home.

