

Our Alumni in the News



Inductee of 2025 Figure Skating – Belleville, ON

Honored Member - Elizabeth Manley

March 20, 2025



Elizabeth Manley is a Canadian figure skating legend and 1988 Olympic silver medalist. Her unforgettable performance at the Calgary Winter Olympics captivated the nation, earning her a place among Canada's greatest athletes. A multiple-time national champion, she continues to inspire future generations through coaching and advocacy in sports.

When reflecting on memorable Canadian Olympic performances, Canadian figure skater, _ had a performance for the ages in the 1988 Winter Olympics.

Manley's on ice spectacle, one so widely recognized as a very special performance that announcer ABC sports announcer Jim McKay said, "Wouldn't it be great if every human being could have a moment like

this once in their lives?"



Manley, who at the 1988 Calgary Olympics, won the long program, but ultimately finished in second place behind East German skater Katarina Witt, coming incredibly close to taking the gold medal despite delivering a near-perfect performance; essentially, she "came within a fraction of a point of beating Witt for the Olympic title."

The 1988 World Championships were also a close competition. Manley placed second in the figure skating competition, but was just fourth in short program. She then finished second in the free skating for the silver medal overall.

Manley chose to end her competitive career in amateur skating with the Olympic and world championship silver medals.

Sharing Some Great Memories

As our Mr. Debonair turns 90



Let's go back to the beginning

Witness the enchanting elegance of Richard Dwyer as he gracefully glides on the ice in a special repeat performance for our **"You Asked For It"** cameras. Dressed impeccably in a top hat, white tie, white gloves, and silver skates, Richard embodies the timeless sophistication of the famous Shipstad and Johnson's Ice Follies. This performance, requested by Helen Esman of Minneapolis, Minnesota, showcases Richard's impeccable skills as he takes on the silk-smooth routine originally created by the unforgettable Roy Shipstad. Watch as Richard seamlessly inherits Roy's iconic cane, symbolizing the continuation of a cherished skating legacy. Join us in celebrating the seamless blend of tradition and talent in this mesmerizing ice-skating showcase!

https://youtu.be/ageZgRSFjig?si=o4FoufcGPH6ll_Yh



Richard Dwyer_2002 Brian Boitano's Skating Spectacular-Richard's classic performance as Mr. Debonair with an assist from Brian.

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Happy Birthday Dear Richard

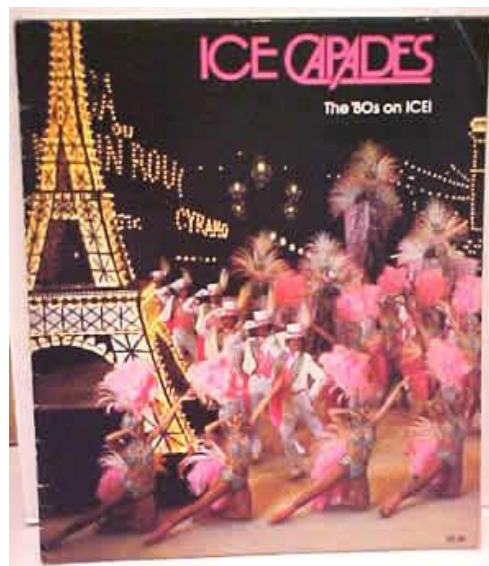
Watching precision never gets old

Here is Shirley's last precision in 1992

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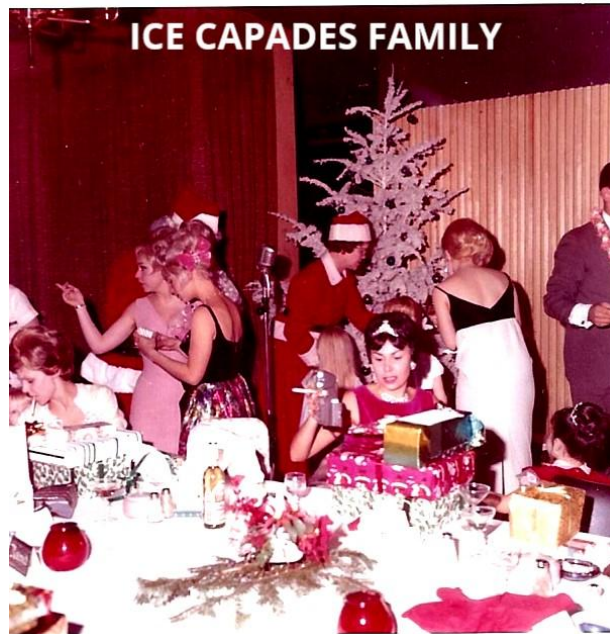


Light Up the Ice

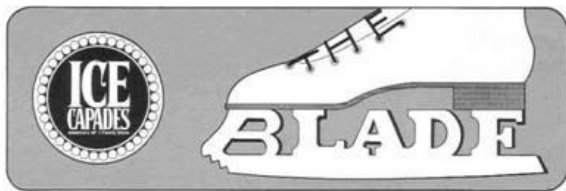


Ice Capades East Division 3 1980-1981

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Happy Holidays Everyone.



The website, www.icecapadestheblade.com has been revamped and more information has been added. If you have something to add, please send them.

Look here for **2025 Ice Capades Reunion** information, including reunion pictures

Cast, Precision & Production Pictures – Relive some memories.

Past reunion Pictures – Check them out for some you may have missed.

Rosters – Looking for someone or remembering who you skated with in the show?

Video links – have been collecting skating 'You Tube' links from the early years.

Program Covers – we had the most beautiful covers

Past Issues of The Blade – just in case you missed an issue

Past Reunion Pictures – relive the times you attended the reunions

In Memorium – remembering those who have left us too soon

Check it out!

Upcoming Events



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