

2008 AIT Workshop Information

Important – Please read thoroughly!

Registration

Application, Downtown Ice Waiver, and Payment must be received by November 2, 2008. Cashier's check or personal check only, payable to AIT (American Ice Theatre.)

Mail payment to: 179 Owens Court, Mountain View, CA 94043

AIT performance t-shirt is mandatory for performance. (\$25) Shirts are special ordered and cannot be exchanged or returned. Please indicate clearly on application the size desired. Check due November 2nd 2008.

Students will wear this T-shirt for the performance on January 8th.

T-shirt is a long sleeved children's shirt with AIT logo and slogan. Vote for your choice of color by emailing: jporter@americanicetheatre.org

Color choices: Black / Red / Blue

Communication – Updates and registration confirmation will be given via email. Please make sure to include a valid and legible email address on application.

Downtown Ice – San Jose Classes are held at 170 S. Market Street "Circle of Palms" <http://www.sjdowntown.com/>

Enrollment

Workshop is open to students ages 7 and up from beginning to advanced.

Policies

No refund policy once classes are in session. Enrolled students who due to injury or illness are forced to withdraw may qualify for a partial reimbursement at the management's discretion.

Rain Dates: In the case of weather, or condition of the ice. AIT will make reasonable attempts to re-schedule the class, **or** teach an "off-ice" dance class and provide skating "vouchers" that can be redeemed for a free public ice skating session.

Attendance

Workshop Dates: Sundays 10:45am – 11:45am

November 16, 23, 30

December 14, 21

Jan. 4

Performance Jan. 8th 5:15pm - Call time 4:30pm

Students should **arrive for class 15 minutes early** to allow for putting on skates. Sorry, no make-up classes for times missed. Absences may impact the student's role in performance.

What to Expect

Workshop Includes:

-Classes taught by AIT qualified Instructors

-10-1 student to teacher ratio

-Students perform routine in Performance on Thursday, January 8th, 5:15 pm!

Beginning Students

Learn to Skate:

- forward
- backward
- turn front to back
- stop and start
- reach and dip
- dance movement
- FUN!

Advanced Students

Learn to Perform:

- connecting steps
- full-body movement
- dance technique
- musicality
- expression
- FUN!

Class will begin with a warm-up and execution of skating skills. The remainder of the time will focus on taking these skills and incorporating them into a fun "Dance on Ice" experience!

AIT Workshop Instructors:

Billy Kheir

Skating for 15 years, Billy is a USFS Gold Medalist and was a 2001 US National Competitor. Coaching since 1998 accomplishments include Jr. Nationals Coach and International and National Skating Coach for the Redwood City Ice Theatre. Currently Billy is Director of Skating Development at Ice Oasis in Redwood City. Billy has skated with AIT since 2004.

Liz Handley

A Bay Area native, Liz has skated since the age of five and has earned three U.S. National medals during her career. Liz is known for her smooth and athletic style, and at 6' tall she's easy to spot on the ice! Liz has a graduate degree in Nutrition Science and currently can be found assisting in research at Stanford University when not coaching up-and-coming skaters.

Ben Westenberger

Born and raised in San Diego California, Ben began skating at the age of 4. He is a 7-time U.S. National Ice Dance competitor. His competitive highlights include winning the 2001 Junior National Intermediate Ice Dance title, being named to the US Figure Skating Developmental Team, and representing Team USA in international competitions. Currently, Ben coaches in San Jose. He joined AIT in 2007.

AIT 2008 Performances

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

DOWNTOWN ICE - San Jose

Dance on Ice Finale featuring the children of the *Dance on Ice Workshop* and AIT artists.

Thursday, January 8th at 5:15pm

Circle of Palms

WALNUT CREEK ON ICE

Ben Westenberger and Sarah Lewis perform a lovely duet at Walnut Creek on Ice.

Thursday, December 4th at 6:30pm

Clay Arts parking lot along Civic Drive

Walnut Creek

EXHIBITIONS / PERFORMANCES

ICE OASIS - Redwood City

AIT joins Redwood City Ice Theatre to present a work in progress.

Sunday, December 14th

Time: TBA

3140 Bay Rd

Redwood City, CA 94063

(650) 364-8090

AIT Annual Show

FUSION, Arts-Dance-Technology on Ice!

Featuring AIT artists and celebrity guest skaters

May 2008

*Check web-site for updates www.americanicetheatre.org