

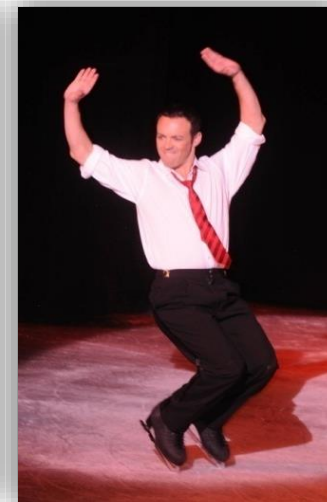
RAND PRODUCTIONS
PRESENTS



US WINTER TOUR 2014

Performer & Production Staff Bios

Michael Chack – Male Soloist & Associate Choreographer



US National Bronze Medalist

US National & International Team Member

Michael, from New York, NY, started skating at the age of 5. When he was only 11 years old he moved away from home to begin training with World & Olympic Coach, Peter Burrows. His first trip to US National Championships was at the age of 15, and by 1991 was part of the National Team in the Senior Division (when he earned a 5th-place finish at US Championships). At the Skate America International Competition later that year he landed his first triple axel in competition, and in 1993 Michael was standing on the podium when he captured the country's bronze medal!

For the next two seasons Michael was a US World Team. Over Michael's competitive career he won numerous qualifying and international competitions including: the World University Games, the US Olympic Festival, the Norway International (twice), the Tropee De France, and the Nebelhorn Trophy (Germany).

As a professional Michael has been a lead principal performer for *Holiday on Ice*, *Broadway on Ice* (National Tour), *Disney on Ice* (World Tour), *Snoopy's Endless Summer*, and *Celebration on Ice* and *Spellbound on Ice* (Hong Kong). Michael originated the male soloist role in *The Holiday Ice Spectacular 2008* and is thrilled to be rejoining the show for the 5th tour in 2014! Notably, Michael is the associate choreographer and performance director of the show in 2014.

Kristin Cowan & Sean Wirtz – Adagio Team



Kristin – International Professional Skater for world-leading shows

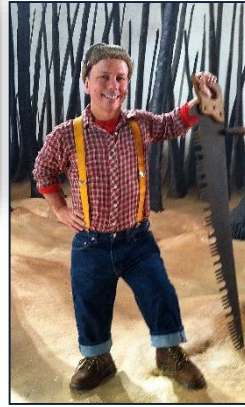
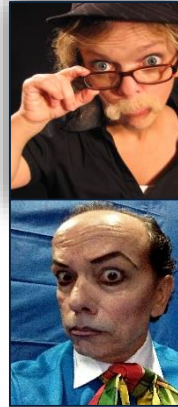
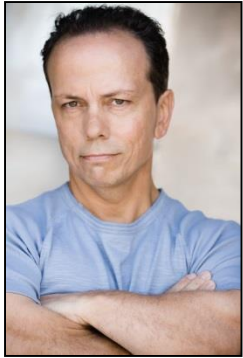
Sean – Canadian National Champion & International Team Member

Kristin began skating at the age of five in her hometown of Spokane, Washington. She loved participating in local ice shows, and growing up she was inspired by her mother, a former Ice Capades performer, and her father, a feature film producer and director. After high school, she went to Santa Clara University to study accounting and finance. She missed skating, decided to join the show world, and has performed all over Europe, North America, and South America for the last seven years. She has been a principal adagio skater for several companies, including Holiday on Ice and Disney on Ice. She says the experience has been amazing, and she's looking forward to continuing the journey.

Sean grew up in northwestern Ontario and comes from a strong skating family. He lived and trained with his uncle Paul Wirtz, a World and Olympic coach, throughout most of his competitive career. Sean is a Canadian national champion and international competitor in both pairs and singles skating, representing Team Canada for ten years. He achieved his greatest international success in pairs, competing on the Senior Grand Prix Circuit throughout the mid-2000's. He finished fourth in 2005 at Skate America and fourth in 2006 at Skate Canada. His most significant accomplishment came in 2006 when he won the bronze medal at Four Continents. He retired from competitive figure skating in 2007 and started his professional career on cruise ships with Royal Caribbean.

Kristin and Sean teamed up for a Christmas show in Myrtle Beach in 2011 and instantly loved skating together. Since then, they have been traveling and performing in various shows all over North America. Most recently, Kristin and Sean starred as the Little Mermaid and Prince Eric in *Disney on Ice*. They are looking forward to joining the cast of *Holiday Ice Spectacular!*

Joe & Casey Childs – Elves “Henry” & “Candy”



Joe Childs has been performing in numerous stage productions around the country, including The Radio City Christmas show in New York City for 11 years. He has also been seen on the big screen and on TV for over a decade with credits including CSI, Modern Family, and coming in 2015, Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2. This year he is thrilled to join his wife, Casey Childs on stage playing Henry in the Holiday Ice Spectacular.

Casey Childs was born and raised in Lansing, Michigan. She has had a passion for public speaking and performing since she was her child. Coming from a family of musicians, Casey started taking piano lessons from her aunt at the age of 5 and continued through high school.

Joe and Casey met at an organization for little people in 2010, and they instantly connected with a shared passion for performing. They later started dating, and were married in August of 2013 in Casey's hometown of Lansing, Michigan. Casey now resides in Los Angeles, CA with her husband, where he has lived since 1987.

Casey got her first major break in 2011 when she was cast as a munchkin in Disney's Oz: The Great and Powerful, starring James Franco, Mila Kunis, and Michelle Williams in March 2013. Casey has continued to get into the film industry more and had her first national commercial last year with Verizon in December 2013.

Casey has performed in *The Holiday Ice Spectacular* over the past two years in cities around the country. She is delighted to be able to perform for the very first time on stage with her husband, who is playing the role of her husband, Henry.

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Gia Alteri

Gia began her skating career at the age of 10 on synthetic ice in Florida. After falling in love with the sport she transferred to real ice and had a successful competitive run as a U.S. Figure Skating double gold medalist. She found that performing was her true love and turned professional in 2001. She has traveled the world doing shows. She began in America with *Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede* (Myrtle Beach), *Busch Gardens* (Tampa), *Kings Island* (Ohio), and *Cypress Gardens* (Florida) just to name a few. In 2008 Gia was in the inaugural cast of *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* Arena Tour featuring the world famous Rockettes. She then moved on to do *Festival On Ice* in Mexico, several shows with *Holiday On Ice* in Europe, *Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines*, *The Holiday Ice Spectacular* (at MGM's Beau Rivage) and *Ice Fantasy-Where Cirque Meets Ice*.



Justin Childers

Justin "Paris" Childers is a native of NW Georgia and began figure skating at the age of 11. He medaled numerous times at local and regional competitions and advanced to Junior Nationals and Sectional events. He was a member of The University of Delaware's figure skating team while a student there and after moving to New York to work in property management, he continued to stay active by coaching figure skating there. He was also a regular cast member on best friend and two time Olympic skater Johnny Weir's reality show, "Be Good Johnny Weir". After living in Los Angeles for the past two years, Justin is thrilled to be back in the sport and a cast member of *Holiday Ice Spectacular*.



Rachel Reynolds

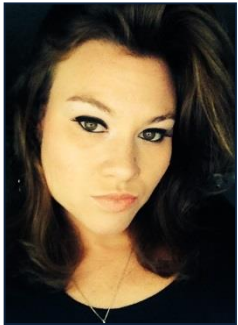
Rachel Reynolds was born in Milan, Italy and started skating at the age of 10. She became regional champion at age 15. After suffering an injury that prevented her from skating competitively she started doing martial arts. She took an interest in Kung Fu weapons and won a World Cup title in 2005. Since moving to Los Angeles to pursue acting, she went back to skating and a year later became U.S. Adult National Champion. She enjoys performing with martial arts weapons on ice and is thrilled to be part of the *Holiday Ice Spectacular* for the 2nd year in a row! Thank you ☺

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Sophie Silverstone

Sophie discovered her love for performing figure skating at age 11, when she skated as a Child of Light in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, in her hometown, Salt Lake City, Utah. She competed until she became a USFSA Gold Medalist and entered college. Since earning her degree in Marketing from Loyola Marymount University in 2012, she's performed in Mexico for Ucha Atayde Entertainment and an ice circus, Circo Atayde Hermanos. Sophie is also a music journalist for CATALYST Magazine in Salt Lake City and an aerialist in silks, lyra, and trapeze. Sophie is thrilled to be back on the ice performing and working for Rand Productions in 2014!



Lauren Steen

Lauren was born and raised in St. Petersburg, FL where she began her skating career at 8 years old. She knew then and there that she wanted to perform in shows one day and was determined to see that dream come true. Her love for performing has allowed her to perform for local ice shows through Rosstyn Ice. She has also had the privilege of choreographing and performing for both Synthetic Ice Concepts at the Ritz Carlton in Miami and Circo Atayde Hermonos Sobre Hielo in Mexico. When Lauren's not skating, she divides her time between coaching skating and teaching elementary school. She credits her skating career to her parents, brother, and husband who have always supported her and helped her chase after her dreams. Lauren is extremely excited to be working with Rand Productions this holiday season!



Michael Skulstad

Michael, an indigenous Alaskan native of the Aleut tribe, began his skating journey at the young age of 12 years old where his successful amateur career lead him to the U.S. Jr. Nationals. His training included both World & Olympic Coaches, Utako Nagamitsu & Takeshi Honda as he trained along side Japan's Daisuke Takahashi in Osaka, Japan. The cast of *Disney's High School Musical*, *the Ice Tour*, *Disneyland Adventure* & *Holiday on Ice* highlight his professional career across North America, Asia & Europe. He has performed in shows with Johnny Weir in the Australian Harbor Town Christmas Show. Michael is very passionate about the art of skating and performance and hopes to continue sharing his love of performing to audiences across the world.

Jeb K. Rand – Executive Producer, Creator & Director



Jeb K. Rand, President and Executive Producer of Rand Productions, Inc and Family Entertainment, LLC has been involved in figure skating for over 30 years. During this time he achieved exceptional successes as a skating producer\director and professional performer.

Jeb and his long time skating partner and wife, Jennifer, were nationally ranked pairs figure skaters for the United States (1986-1989). As professionals their career spanned over 15 years with principal roles in the *Ice Capades*, *Disney on Ice* and *Stars on Ice* [European Tour]. From 1998 – 2005 Jeb & Jennifer were the lead ice skaters at Radio City Music Hall (in New York City) in *The Christmas Spectacular* starring the world famous Rockettes.

Since 1998 Jeb has created, produced and\or directed dozens of ice shows around the world including star-studded television specials such as *Christmas on Ice* in Torino, Italy starring Andrea Bocelli and Olympic Champion, Evgeny Plushenko, *The Opening of the Rink at Rockefeller Center*, and *The Golden Skate Awards* which annually honors the top ranked figure skaters around the world. Additionally Jeb has produced ice skating shows or scenes for ABC's *Extreme Makeover* and *Masters of Champions*, Fox's *Louis Guzman Show*, MTV's *Music Awards* as well as numerous cable and regional television specials. Live show productions include *Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede* (skating scenes in Branson, Myrtle Beach, Pigeon Forge and Orlando), *Bright Lights on Ice* and *Ice Carnivale* in Las Vegas, *Figure Skating's Best* in Italy, *Ice Mystique*, *Spellbound on Ice*, and *The Ice Spectacular* at Ocean Park, Hong Kong, *Ice Fantasy- Where Cirque Meets Ice* in Reno/Tahoe, as well as corporate events for Monte Blanc, Georgia Pacific, Walmart and Bristol-Myers-Squibb.

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Billy Chapel – Choreographer (Original)

Billy Chapel was a US World & International Team Member, A US triple gold medalist and a Canadian double gold medalist. He was the male star of *Ice Capades* for 8 years and was featured in numerous TV specials. Billy and his partner, Peter Gordon, created and produced shows in dozens of cities around the world. Most notably was in Las Vegas where *Fire & Ice* and *Ice Seduction* played at the Hacienda and Sahara respectively for over 10 years.

As a choreographer, Billy has worked with National, World and Olympic competitors from 6 different countries. He saw 4 of his students win World or Olympic medals. In the ice show industry Billy choreographed for most of the largest ice show companies in the figure skating business, including *Ice Capades*, *Disney on Ice*, *Willy Bietak Productions*, *Advanced Entertainment Group* and *Rand Productions*. From the late 90s until 2009, Billy choreographed primarily for *Jeb Rand of Rand Productions*. All together they teamed up for 28 productions ranging from star-studded TV productions, to casino extravaganzas , to theme park productions like never seen before.

In 2007 Billy ‘iced’ the first version of *The Holiday Ice Spectacular* in Hong Kong and in 2008 he helped Jeb transform the show into a full scale theatrical production (in Reno, NV at the Eldorado Hotel & Casino). Sadly, we lost Billy in 2009, but his memory, energy and brilliance lives on through his choreography.

Note: In 2012 and 2013 Principal skaters, Michael Chack and Meegan McDonald, restaged Billy’s wonderful choreography and as well as add their own touches and new creations to Billy’s original work and vision.

Steven Roels – Technical Director (TD) & Production Stage Manager (PSM)



Steven Roels, Production Stage Manager, started out as a light technician/ cameraman in 2003 and worked his way up over the years to become a Lighting designer, Operator, Stage manager.

He is experienced in ice productions around the world. In 2006 Steven got asked to work for *Holiday on Ice* on different shows such as, *Mystery*, *Bugs Bunny on ice*, *Arabian Nights*, *Energia*, ... on that last show he met his girlfriend (Gia Alteri) and ever since then is splitting his time between Europe, the United States and the high seas. He worked for *Royal Caribbean International* on *The Navigator of the Seas* where he was responsible for not only the Ice Show: *Ice Dancing* but also for many other venues on board. In between being on the road he worked on numerous jobs going from theater, television, festivals, concerts and many more.

That's why Steven accepted the challenge of also doing the light design for *The Holiday Ice Spectacular*. He is going to try to mix the high energy choreography from Billy, the fantastic ideas of Jeb and his creativity to make this show into a magical Christmas memory you won't easily forget! This will be Steven's third year as the Production Stage Manager as well as lighting the show.

Cube Décor Workshop – Costumes

Cube Décor Workshop is a world renowned costume & mascot design, fabrication and manufacturing company based in Hong Kong. They have been creating award winning costumes, props, mascots and scenic wagons since 1995. Their client list reads like a “who’s who” in the first class theme park, circus\cirque and special attractions world(s), but due to privacy agreements with these well known clients their lists cannot be disclosed in an open forum. However if anyone has been to a leading theme park in Asia, Europe or the USA and\or seen a well known “circus-type” of production in Las Vegas, Macau, etc., you have seen Cube Décor’s work!

In 2005 Rand Productions introduced the world of figure skating to the Cube Décor Workshop and since then they have designed & built several full-scale ice productions (in Asia and the USA). Included are *Spellbound on Ice*, *Ice Odyssey* and *The Holiday Ice Spectacular*.





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