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American Cruise Lines Presents U.S. Figure Skating's 2019 *Skate America*



GUILFORD, CT—October 10, 2019—American Cruise Lines is an official sponsor of U.S. Figure Skating's 2019-2020 season and the presenting sponsor for 2019's *Skate America*, taking place next week, October 18th-20th, at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas—broadcast by NBC Sports. The partnership is the first between U.S. Figure Skating and American Cruise Lines.

"We are excited to welcome American Cruise Lines to the figure skating family," U.S. Figure Skating Executive Director David Raith said. "*Skate America* has a long history of excellence and a partnership with American Cruise Lines is a natural fit, as the all-American based cruise line has become synonymous with excellence, winning award after award in the cruise industry."

The *2019 Skate America*, presented by American Cruise Lines, is the first stop of the annual International Skating Union's (ISU) *Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series*. From October 18th-20th, *Skate America* will feature 60 of the top skaters from around the world at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, NV. The event will be headlined by the United States' two-time reigning World champion Nathan Chen, Olympian Bradie Tennell, reigning U.S. pairs champions Ashley Cain-Gribble and Timothy LeDuc, and two-time World medalist ice dancers Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue. Past *Skate America* titlists include Chen, five-time World champion and two-time Olympic medalist Michelle Kwan, and Olympic champions Kristi Yamaguchi, Scott Hamilton, Evan Lysacek, and Meryl Davis and Charlie White.

The partnership between American and U.S. Figure Skating will continue throughout the 2019-2020 season, highlighting worldwide figure skating events, including the *2020 U.S. Figure Skating Championships*, in Greensboro, North Carolina January 20th-26th, 2020.

"American Cruise Lines is proud to partner with U.S. Figure Skating and looks forward to a great season of thrilling performances from *Skate America*," said David Luxeder, Director of Brand Development for American Cruise Lines.

NBCUniversal will provide extensive coverage throughout the season beginning with 2019's *Skate America*. Primetime coverage for *Skate America* will be on NBCSN Saturday, Oct. 19th, as well as NBC coverage on Saturday, Oct. 19th (12-2 a.m. & 6-8 p.m. ET), Sunday, Oct. 20th (1-3am & noon-1 p.m. ET), and Saturday, Oct. 26th (4:30-6 p.m. ET).

The full 2019-2020 U.S. Figure Skating Broadcast Schedule can be found at www.nbcumv.com. Broadcast schedule is subject to change, please check your local listings.

About U.S. Figure Skating: U.S. Figure Skating is the national governing body for the sport of figure skating in the United States as recognized by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the International Skating Union. U.S. Figure Skating is comprised of more than 765 member clubs, collegiate clubs, school-affiliated clubs and more than 1,000 registered Learn to Skate USA programs representing more than 203,023 members. U.S. Figure Skating is charged with the development of the sport on all levels within the United States including athletes, officials, sanctioning of events and exhibitions, and establishing the rules and guidelines by which the sport is governed.

About American Cruise Lines: American Cruise Lines celebrated its most award-winning year ever in 2018, winning 14 travel awards, and was recently honored by *Time magazine's 2019 World's Greatest Places* list which selected *American Song*, 1st modern riverboat in the U.S.A., among the most exceptional new places in the world to visit. American operates the largest and newest fleet of coastal cruise ships, Victorian-style paddlewheelers, and the only modern riverboats in the U.S. All ships accommodate 100-200 passengers and are built, crewed, and registered in the U.S.A. With over 35 itineraries in 25 states, including many theme and holiday cruises, American cruises along the rivers, as well as the coastal and inland waterways of New England, Alaska, the Pacific Northwest, the Mississippi River system, and the Southeast.

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