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JORDIN SPARKS PERFORMS NEW SINGLE ON AMERICAN IDOL– COME SEE HER LIVE AT SEARS CENTRE ARENA SEPTEMBER 19

2010 Olympic contenders to join music stars Jordin Sparks, Charice, Honor Society, and KSM in “Skate for the Heart”

CHICAGO, IL. – Reigning World Champion **Evan Lysacek**, 2006 Olympic silver medalist **Sasha Cohen** and 2009 Ice Dancing World silver medalists **Ben Agosto & Tanith Belbin** are just a few contenders for the upcoming 2010 Winter Games featured in Disson Skating’s “Skate for the Heart,” with live performances from music stars **Jordin Sparks, Charice, Honor Society** and **KSM**. Sparks, the winner of the sixth season of American Idol, appeared on this season’s American Idol Wednesday, May 13 to introduce the exciting new single “*Battlefield*” from her upcoming sophomore album.

Tickets for “Skate for the Heart,” a high-energy show that brings top music and figure skating talent together to raise awareness of heart disease, will go on sale next month. The live show is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009, at the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates, IL. The taped show will air on NBC on Sunday, Jan 31, 2010, from 4 – 6 p.m. EST, less than two weeks before the Winter Games kick off in Vancouver, Canada.

Other Olympic, world and national figure skating champions will perform with Lysacek, Agosto and Belbin in “Skate for the Heart” including 2009 U.S. Champion **Alissa Czisny**, 2009 U.S. Pairs Champions **Rockne Brubaker & Keauna McLaughlin**, 2009 U.S. bronze medalist **Caroline Zhang**, 2008 U.S. National Champion **Mirai Nagasu**, Three-time U.S. National Champion and 2008 World bronze medalist **Johnny Weir** and 2009 U.S. National Champion **Jeremy Abbott**.

19 Entertainment/Jive Records artist, **Jordin Sparks** rose to fame as the winner of the sixth season of American Idol. With the success of her platinum self-titled debut album by the end of 2008 Jordin



won an American Music Award for Favorite Artist- Adult Contemporary Music, an NAACP Image Award for Outstanding New Artist and a Teen Choice Award for Choice Music "Hookup" song. She also received a Grammy nomination for "Best Pop Collaboration with Vocals" as well as two nominations at the MTV Video Music Awards for "Best Female Video" and "Best New Artist." Sparks joined other notable music artists in performances at the Commander-in-Chief's Inaugural Ball hosted by President Barack Obama.

Sixteen-year-old singing sensation **Charice Pempengco**, whose powerful voice reduced Oprah and Ellen DeGeneres to tears during appearances on their shows, has performed with legends Andrea Bocelli and Celine Dion. Pempengco was recently praised by Josh Groban when she shared the stage with him, Michael Buble, Katharine McPhee and others during a concert in Las Vegas. This talented teen from the Philippines was discovered on YouTube and is working with legendary producer David Foster.

The four gentlemen of **Honor Society** have been winning the hearts of young fans across the country with slick pop vocal harmonies, ripping guitar solos and big beats. The band will join one of the biggest tours of the summer when they will share the stage with Jordin Sparks as the opening artists on the North American leg of the Jonas Brothers World Tour 2009.

The spunky five-girl group **KSM** is moving up the ranks of teen stardom as they make appearances with pop stars the Jonas Brothers, Demi Lovato, Honor Society and many more. The energetic teens will be special guests on the Demi Lovato Summer Tour 2009, kicking off June 22nd in Toronto. KSM will release their debut album this fall.

Tickets range in price from \$30 - \$187 and are available at Sears Centre Arena Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlet locations, online at www.ticketmaster.com or charge by phone at 1.800.745.3000. Visit www.dissonskating.com or www.searscentre.com for more information.

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