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**NBC AND DISSON SKATING ANNOUNCE ALL-STAR LINEUP FOR  
TEN NATIONALLY TELEVISED SKATING PRODUCTIONS**

*JONAS BROTHERS, SARA EVANS, KENNY G, RAVEN AMONG STARS TO JOIN WORLD-  
CLASS SKATERS FOR THE 2008-09 SEASON*

(Denver, Colo.) Disson Skating, the leading producer of televised ice skating shows in the United States and Canada, today announced its star-studded lineup of nine original ice skating extravaganzas, which uniquely incorporate live music concerts with top of the line skating entertainment. The tenth show is a preview of the acclaimed "Smucker's Stars on Ice" tour.

Disson Skating, which operates in a partnership with Philadelphia-based sports and entertainment firm Comcast-Spectacor, produces the shows, all of which will be televised nationally on NBC-TV. Additionally, the shows will be rebroadcast on The Style Network, a Comcast-owned network.

The first show is "McDonald's Family Tribute on Ice," featuring musical guest star Nick Lachey. It was taped in front of a live audience Oct. 3 in Los Angeles (NBC broadcast date: Nov. 16, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. EST\*). The second show is one of the most popular in the lineup, "Bayer Diabetes Care presents Kristi Yamaguchi Friends and Family," Oct. 12 in Phoenix (NBC broadcast date: Nov. 8, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.). The show, of course, features Yamaguchi, an Olympic gold medalist, newly crowned "Dancing with the Stars" champion and mother of two young girls, as well as two of the hottest musical guests, The Jonas Brothers and Demi Lovato, the band's "Camp Rock" co-star.

Next up is "Skating for Life benefiting Susan G. Komen for the Cure®" featuring country music star Sara Evans, which was held Oct. 15 in Bloomington, Ill. (NBC broadcast date: Oct. 25, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.). The fourth show is "Smucker's presents Hot Ice, Cool Sounds," featuring the music of the Cleveland Pops and Peter Cetera, the former frontman of the band Chicago. The show was Oct. 18 in Youngstown. (NBC broadcast date: Dec. 25, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.).

The "Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons Tribute on Ice" is sure to be a memorable night of music Oct. 25 in Chicago's Sears Centre (NBC broadcast date: Nov. 2, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.).

The "Holiday Celebration on Ice" featuring Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith is sure to get fans ready for the holiday season on Nov. 11 in Las Vegas (NBC broadcast date: Nov. 30, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.).



“Skate for the Heart” will be an emotional tribute for all of the skaters performing. Each skater, ranging from Ekaterina Gordeeva who’s husband died of a heart attack, to two-time world champion Irina Slutskaya, who has been battling a heart condition and is a national spokesperson for the American Heart Association, has a personal connection to heart disease. That show, which features the music of saxophone great Kenny G, is Nov. 19 in Dayton, Ohio, and will air on NBC in time for Valentine’s Day, Feb., 7, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

The “Smucker’s Stars on Ice” tour will be included in the Disson Skating lineup. The tour’s show from Lake Placid, N.Y., on Nov. 29 will be aired on Jan. 4 from 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

One of the most well-known skaters in the world is Brian Boitano, and even 20 years after winning his gold medal in Calgary, he is still dazzling fans. Musselman’s presents Brian Boitano Skating Spectacular is set for Dec. 20 in Everett, Wash.

The last show of the season is the “Progressive Skating & Gymnastics Spectacular” Dec. 23 in Rapid City, S.D. This event incorporates the best on ice with the best from the gym, including 2008 Olympic all-around gold medalist Nastia Liukin and 2007 world champion and Olympic gold medalist Shawn Johnson. Musical guest Raven is joining this all-star Olympic cast.

Comcast-Spectacor ([comcast-spectacor.com](http://comcast-spectacor.com)) is the Philadelphia-based sports and entertainment company which owns the Philadelphia Flyers (NHL), the Philadelphia 76ers (NBA), the Philadelphia Phantoms (AHL), the two arenas in which their teams play, the Wachovia Center and Wachovia Spectrum, four Flyers Skate Zone community ice skating and hockey rinks and Comcast SportsNet Philadelphia. In addition, Comcast-Spectacor is also the principal owner of Global Spectrum, the fastest growing firm in the public assembly management field with more than 60 facilities throughout the United States and Canada; Ovations Food Services, a food and beverage service provider; New Era Tickets, a ticketing and marketing company for public assembly facilities; Front Row Marketing Services, a commercial rights sales company; and 3601 Creative Group, a full-service in-house advertising agency. In a partnership with Disson Skating, Comcast-Spectacor annually produces 10 nationally televised figure skating spectacles on NBC.

**\* All NBC broadcast times are Eastern Standard Time**

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