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Gold Returns To Simsbury

International Skating Center of Connecticut Welcomes Olympic Athletes Olympic and World Championship Coach to Train 13 Skaters from 6 Countries in Simsbury for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver

The International Skating Center of Connecticut is proud to announce that Olympic and World Championship Coach Nikolai Morozov and 13 of his skaters from 6 countries will be training in Simsbury in preparation for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver.

Nikolai Morozov has coached and done choreography work for current and former champions that include freestyle skaters Michelle Kwan, Sasha Cohen, Shizuka Arakawa, Miki Ando, Takeshi Honda and Alexei Yagudin. In addition, he trained ice dancers such as Shae-Lynn Bourne & Victor Kraatz, Melissa Gregory & Denis Petukov, Elena Grushina & Ruslan Goncharov, and ISCC's own Emile Nussear & Matthew Gates.

Morozov skated competitively and after retiring he worked as a coaching assistant for Tatiana Tarasova until he began coaching and choreographing on his own. He trained Bourne & Kraatz to Canada's first Worlds gold medal in ice dancing and Ando to a World title. Training in Simsbury four years ago, he coached Arakawa to Olympic Gold and Grushina & Goncharov to an Olympic Bronze Medal. Moving forward this winter, Morozov returns to Simsbury with Olympic level skaters (roster shown below) from Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Spain and Ukraine to train for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, making it clear that the International Skating Center in Simsbury is the World's Home Ice!

After four months of working with Morosov to put this together, Dave Roberts, managing partner of ISCC, said *"We are excited to have Nikolai and all of his skaters join our great team of figure skating coaches and students and we are glad to be their home in preparation for Vancouver"*. With his skaters from all around the world, Morosov was asked why the International Skating Center in Simsbury and he responded *"I am coming back to Simsbury because the facility is perfect for training and because I feel very comfortable. I have known Dave for many years and I love the town and the area and all the people. My skaters have had great success after training with ISCC so I am excited to be back."*

Morosov and his skaters will begin training in Simsbury in January. Until then, they will be competing in many events around the world. He will bring some of his skaters as special guests to join the ISCC New England Competitor Exhibition on Saturday, September 19th at 7:00pm at the International Skating Center of Connecticut. This event is sanctioned by US Figure Skating. Admission is \$10 and the public is welcome!

Coach: Nikolai Morozov

Freestyle Skaters

Men

Nobunari Oda, Japan

Japanese National Champion

Junior World Champion

Ranked 8th in the World

Daisuke Murakami, Japan

Japanese National Bronze Medalist

Ranked 9th in the World

Javier Fernandez, Spain

Spanish National Champion

World and European Championships Competitor

Ladies

Miki Ando, Japan

World Champion

Ranked 6th in the World

Valentina Marchei, Italy

Italian National Silver Medalist

World and European Championships Competitor

Ice Dancers

Nora Hoffmann & Maxim Zavozin, Hungary

Hungarian National Champions

World Championship Competitors

Alexandra & Roman Zaretsky, Israel

Israel National Competitors

World and European Championships Competitors

Cathy & Chris Reed, Japan

Japanese National Champions

World Championship Competitors

Anna Zadorozhniuk & Sergei Verbillo, Ukraine

Ukrainian National Silver Medalists (2007)

World and European Championships Competitor