

Presenting: Tom Dickson

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Continuing the tradition of presenting world class talent, 'Turning Energy Into Art' has another unique opportunity in store for you this year. The Scarboro Figure Skating Club is pleased to announce our fourteenth annual March Break Seminar with special guest, Tom Dickson.

Tom began his skating career in Southern California at age 8. After winning several regional and sectional events he moved to Colorado Springs and went on to win the US Junior title. After a gold medal performance at West Germany's Nebelhorn Trophy and a 5th-place finish at the US Senior Nationals, Tom turned professional and signed a contract to star in Ice Capades for eight years along with his future wife, Swedish Champion Catarina Lindgren.

It was early in his touring that Tom began his choreography career. One of his first assignments was for Chen Lu of China, where Tom's programs earned her a Bronze Medal at the World Championships. In the following years, Tom performed with legendary ice dancers Torvill & Dean in a world tour. Returning home, he further honed his choreographic skills and technique of skating--the result of his study produced works for skaters such as Matt Savoie, Yukina Ota, Yuna Kim, Jeremy Abbot as well as Russian stars Artur Gachinski and Liza Tuktamishva. The programs Tom created for these skaters earned him five "Choreographer of the Year" awards from the PSA and US Figure Skating. Tom has also choreographed for ice dancing champions Maia and Alex Shibutani and has recently had success with Japanese Junior Champion Satoko Miyahara.

Tom believes that studying dance and movement along with mastering the art and language of skating is essential for producing world-class choreography. Tom's mastery of the compulsory figures, now extinct in the sport, provided him with essential skills as a choreographer that he uses and demands from his skaters on a daily basis.

Skaters and coaches from all clubs are welcome for this special event. For more information please contact:

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