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# Freestyler

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## Atlanta Open to Host 340+ Competitors



More than 340 skaters, representing 36 US Figure Skating clubs in 14 states ranging from Minnesota and New York to Texas and Florida will compete at the 2016 Atlanta Open at The Cooler on June 9 - 11.

As always, we will need many volunteers, so please be generous with your time and talent when the Sign-Up Genius email arrives in your mail-

box. **This is the last event of the club year to fulfill your service hours requirement.** If you have any questions, please contact Volunteer Chair Jan Brown.



Be sure to visit our vendors: Straw Productions, Michael Lynch Photography, Sk8 Monkey, Del Arbor, and Eagle Sports.

### Local Organizing Committee

Registrar	Christi Fisher
Accommodations	Christi Fisher
Coaches' Hospitality	Jan Brown
Competition Ice Monitors	Dawn Kisella
Hospitality Donations	Peggy McCarthy
Officials' Hospitality	Sharon Hyre
Officials' Liaison	Jane Jud
Practice Ice Monitors	Cynthia Kornetzke
Program	Dana Forehand
Registration	Lori McGarigle
Runners	Jan Brown
Vendors	Christi Fisher
Volunteer Coordinator	Jan Brown

## Board of Directors Election Results

Congratulations to our newly elected 2016-2017 Board of Directors members: **Francesca Sichenze-Bryant, Christi Fisher, Lori McGarigle** (all junior), **Judith Flair, and PJ Whalen** (both senior.)

Many thanks to outgoing Board members **Jan Brown and Jane Jud**, to all candidates, and to the Nominating Committee members **Tami Mickle (chair), Judith Flair, Tea Junnila, Graham Payne, Leon Qiao, and Jamie Traylor.**

Remaining for one more year are **Karen Crossen, John Millier, Amy Moosbrugger, Kathy Shehee, and Heather Phillips Stables.**

The 2015-2016 Board of Directors







## 2016 Awards Banquet

Approximately 75 members attended the annual Awards Banquet on May 15 at the Country Club of Roswell. Kudos to Chair Lori McGarigle, Christi Fisher for the door prize, and Denise Freeman for the photos!



Bruce Stultz Silver Blade Award  
**Tori Williams**



Bruce Stultz Silver Blade Award  
**Helena Fisher**



Pinky Ager Coach Award  
**Debbie Prachar**



Lewis Elkin Dance Award  
**Soucci Taylor** (accepted by  
Keelie and Breelie Taylor)



Adult Skater of the Year  
**PJ Whalen**



USFS Gold Medalist  
**Helena Fisher**

### NOT PRESENT

Outstanding Skater - Senior  
**Tim Dolensky**

Joann Oehlert Spirit Award  
**Janet Payne**

Golden Boot  
**Kim Rutter**

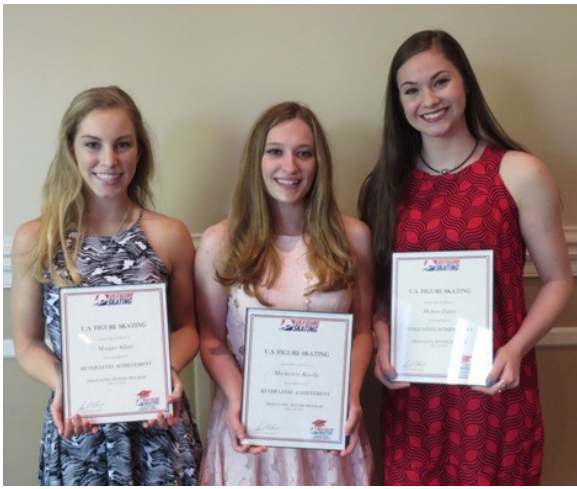
Outstanding Skater - Junior  
**Jabe Roberts**

Lucille Morgan Judges Award  
**Dana Graham**

Judy Williams Test Award  
**Jabe Roberts**

Outstanding Skater -Freshman  
**Grace Wolf**





U.S. Figure Skating Graduating Seniors Awards

**Morgan Sliker, MacKenzie Kisella, Helena Fisher Not Pictured: Katrina Morgan**



Atlanta FSC Scholarship Recipients

**Morgan Sliker, Helena Fisher, MacKenzie Kisella Not Pictured: Drew Bryant**



**Plus 20 (service hours): Denise Freeman, Tori Williams, Dawn Kisella, Jan Brown, Karen Crossen, Lori McGarigle, Christi Fisher, PJ Whalen, Amy Moosbrugger, Judith Flair.**



**Rud Ellis President's Award**

**Jane Jud**



















# SPOTLIGHT SKATER

## Christine Yen

### What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite element is the flying camel spin because I love the feeling when I'm in the air. My least favorite element is the layback spin because it throws me off-balance.

### Favorite program/music?

The music I currently have for my program is my favorite. I love the way it creates a buildup and slowly increases in intensity.

### Whom do you admire most?

I admire my parents the most. They are a driving force in my life, pushing me to try new things and supporting me in tough situations.

### Most memorable event of your skating career?

When I first landed my Axel.

### Who is your favorite skater?

I admire Ashley Wagner. She is such a hard-working individual who never gives up on her dreams!

### Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I am a junior at Johns Creek High School. My favorite subjects are Literature, Physics, and Audio/Video Production, and I play the guitar.

I was chosen to participate in the Center of Talented Youth program and stayed at Roger Williams University and Haverford College for three weeks for two summers.

Every Saturday for the past two years, I have worked at Open Hand, an organization dedicated to help the senior community and prevent chronic disease by packing and delivering meals to their homes. Over the summer, I volunteered at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Grady Hospital

### What famous person would you most like to meet?

J. K. Rowling. Her endless creativity and imagination has inspired millions and created devoted fans of her works.

### Who would you choose to play you in the movie of your life?

Arden Cho

If I weren't a skater, I would have been ... a rock climber or a traceuse (a female who does Parkour.)

### Best advice ever received

Silence is the best answer to all questions. Unknown

### Tell us about your family.

My younger sister, Catherine, ice skates and just recently turned 15!

### What are your future skating and educational goals?

I hope to be able to do a perfect Biellmann spin.

I don't have a certain career in mind, but I am going to have a medical and health profession. Although I'm not sure what college I'll be going to, I'm sure that I will ice skate in my free time.

### My favorite things are

Fresh snow, sweets, animated movies

### Tell us something about yourself or your family that no one knows.

I love filming and editing videos to make short stories.

### If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have:

A survival kit, a bag of food, and a book on how to build a boat.

**Favorite word:** Prosperity

**Least favorite word:** Deprivation

**Favorite food:** Tater tots

**Least favorite food:** Squash

**What turns me off:** Overcomplicated situations

**Favorite quote:** "Your value doesn't decrease based on someone inability to see your worth." ~Unknown

**Favorite Book:** *Glint* by Ann Coburn

**Favorite Movie:** "Sinbad"

**TV show:** "America's Funniest Home Videos"

**Favorite Song:** "Safe and Sound" by Taylor Swift

**Favorite color:** Cerulean blue

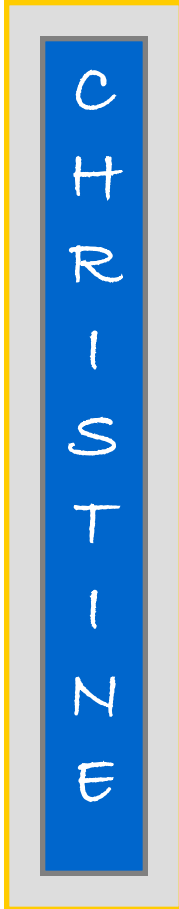
**Sounds I love:** Wings flapping

**Sound I dislike:** Alarms blaring

**Pet Peeve:** When people chew with their mouth open

**I would never want to be:** Sewer diver

**Three words that best describe me:** Imaginative, compassionate, attentive

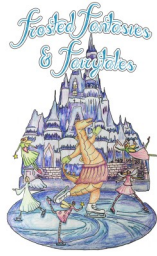




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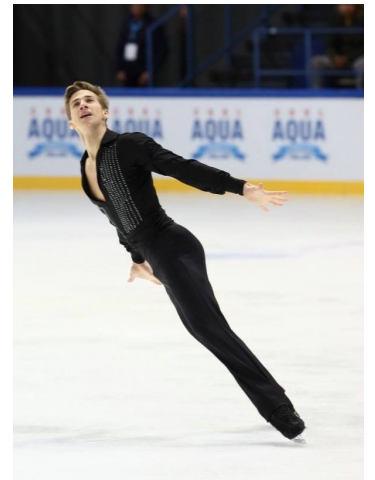
Spring Show

April 29, 30, May 1



Kim Navarro and  
Brent Bommetre

Special  
Guests



Tim Dolensky



Alex Tregre

Many thanks to Chair Christi Fisher, Director Tami Mickle, photographer Denise Freeman, our sponsors and advertisers, parents, coaches, and volunteers!





*Junior  
Phoenix Theatre On Ice*

**Front Row:** Brya Romaine, Addison, Vivienne Debon, Jade Mansogo, Frances Umezaki-Oba, Noelle Kim, Chloe Rutter  
**Back Row:** Brynn Miller, Irene Chnag, Ibely Mansogo, Ana Gates Shields, Courtney Kloor, Emily Moosbrugger, Colleen Kim, Samantha Flores



*Novice  
Phoenix Theatre On Ice*

**Front Row:** Ashley Wang, Ashley Troxell, Sophia Li, Maggie Najbrt, Emma Grace Harris  
**Back Row:** Sunny Zhang, Abigail Horton, Mikayla Hayden, Raleigh Wunderlich, Marie Stanford, Sydney Penn, Taylor Hemphill  
**Not Pictured:** Courtney Hand, Maya Knox, Julie Pearson, Alexandra Silvia, Alex Spitale

*Soloists and Featured Performers*



**Front Row:** Audrey Latham, Chloe Rutter, Maya Mekyten, Katia Kochengina, Melanie Schael, Grace Wolf, Kaitlyn McGarigle, Anna Scott Wieler  
**Back Row:** MacKenzie Kisella, Morgan Sliker, Madeleine Brown, Tori Williams, Tim Dolensky, Helena Fisher, Madeline Freeman, Breeleie Taylor, Alex Tregre, Soucci Taylor.





## DOROTHY'S STORMS

**Front Row:** Anna Scott Wieler, Adeline Wieler, Olivia Kim, Kaitlyn McGarigle, Grace Wolf, Chloe Rutter, Katia Kochengina **Back Row:** Kaitlyn Plaziak, Madison Long, Joshua Glass, Meredith Scafifi, Madeline Freeman

## LEPRECHAUNS WITH A POT O' GOLD

**Front Row:** Lauren Kim, Regan Tingley, Amelia Marsh, Marissa Li **Back Row:** Lauren Kaplita, Leia Beinenson, Hasita Yalamanchili



## A QUINTUPLET OF FANTASTICAL FAIRIES

Katia Kochengina, Melanie Schael, Chloe Rutter, Maya Mekyten, Audrey Latham





## MAGIC WOMEN

Soucci Taylor, Morgan Sliker, Emily Moosbrugger, Breele Taylor, Chloe Ryan, Hannah Carleton, Helena Fisher, Madeleine Brown, MacKenzie Kisella



## Under the Sea

**Front Row:** Olivia Patrick, Audrey Latham, Anna McPeak, Cristanne Goodwin **Back Row:** Maya Mekyten, Melanie Schael, Elizabeth Douglas  
**Not Pictured:** Miranda Corbin, Cecilia Lukens, Isabel Schaum, Morgan Smrekar



## Rotten to the Core

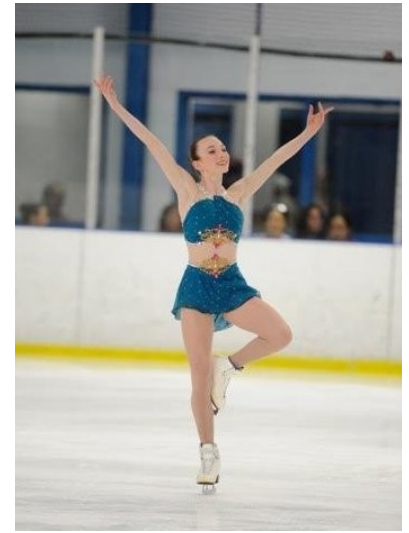
**Front Row:** Anna Scott Wieler, Adeline Wieler, Chloe Rutter **Back Row:** Keelie Taylor, Breele Taylor, Elvira Junnila, Soucci Taylor



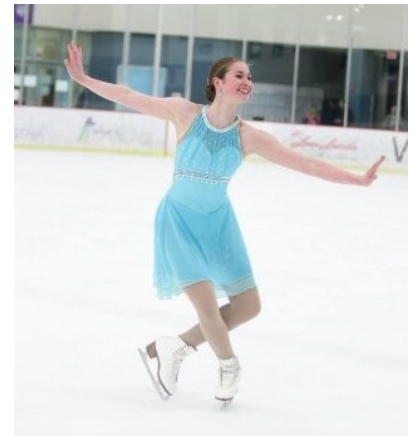


*Cinderella's Ball*

Soucci Taylor, Breele Taylor, Helena Fisher, Tori Williams, Stephanie Brimeyer



Madeleine Brown



Helena Fisher



*Poseidon and the Sea*

Anna Scott Wieler, Meredith Scafidi, Madeline Freeman, Kaitlyn Plaziak, Elvira Junnila, Kaitlyn McGarigle, Chloe Rutter



Madeline Freeman