

Record cast of 130 in sparkling Ice Review '71

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GUEST SKATER AT Saturday's ice revue was Rachel Amelia of the Chatham Skating Club, 1971 Novice Ladies Champion for Western Ontario. —(Staff Photo)



CINDY MCGILLOWAY was featured in the number Chatanoga Choo Choo with six engineers including Scott Malcolm and Bruce McPhail. —(Staff Photo)



LION AT SATURDAY'S skating carnival scared no one but drew many admiring glances. Inside, front, were Rick Baginski while Susan McPhail brought up the rear. —(Staff Photo)



WHITE AND pink costumes were worn by the girls in the Romeo and Juliet number, Debbie Neely, Robin Marshall, Diane Baginski, Cindy McGiloway, Cathy Toth, Kathleen Cheyne, Marilyn DeBruyn, Kim Jackson, Julie Townsley and Joanne Hearn. —(Staff Photo)



OFF TO THE CIRCUS ARE Norman Charette and Lori DeBruyn, second number on the sparkling ice revue. —(Staff Photo)



KIM McCRISTALL and Anne Marie Luty wore blue and silver costumes for the show's finale, The Age of Aquarius. —(Staff Photo)

With a record cast of 130, Acton Figure Skating Carnival this year set a showcase for the steadily improving talents of the town's young skaters. Some of them have had lessons for five or six years now and their increasing skills and self-confidence were evident in the show.

With precision and style they ripped through a full program Saturday afternoon and evening, a few minor hitches went in the main unnoticed by the applauding audience which filled the arena twice.

Fifth year

For professionals Mrs. Nancy Skuce and Mrs. Sally Leatherland, this is their fifth year with the Acton club. Mrs. Skuce had a one year start on Mrs. Leatherland. The first figure skating lessons in Acton began in a sketchy way about eight years ago.

To the annual roster of continuing skaters each year come a large group of beginners. The instructors think this year's toddlers number the most yet. And at carnival time, they're the real scene stealers.

Last year there were 89 skaters in the show. There were 40 more in this year's cast.

Really improved

"The older skaters have really improved," their teachers enthuse. "Their free skating is much better now."

The carnival program was divided into two sections, Circus World, which features the youngest skaters, and Music For All Ages for the older skaters.

Featured roles

Solo parts spotlighted the growing talents. For the first time one of the boys, George McPhail, had a solo part.

Others featured in solo, duet or trio parts were Lori DeBruyn, Norman Charette, Kim McCristall, Gerda Seiz, Debbie Drinkwater, Susan Schupp, Marilyn DeBruyn, Robin Marshall, Diane Baginski, Cindy McGiloway, Diane Charette, and Sharon Barber.

Delightful animals

The littlest skaters were costumed as circus animals and circled the ice to delighted chuckles of the audience. When they left the ice, one tiny zebra was way behind, shuffling all alone in the spotlight.

Poodles were Connie McCristall, Judy Shadbolt, Judi Jones, Theresa Conroy, Cindy Brouillard, Susan Milne, Paul Ruppert, Janet Britton, Sherri Trotter, Christine Allen, Jennifer Dupuis and Linda Creasey.

Feathered ostriches

Ostriches were Susan Rosenbersky, Susan Skuce, Beverly Kilby, Joanne MacArthur, Lillian Graham, Julie Ann Sargent, Heather McCann, Toddy Bowman, Linda Osso, Carolyn Gibson, Christine Baginski, Anne Bowmans, Lori Jamieson, Sandy Edmondson, Denise Kunz, Lori Ann Cook and Sharon Stone.

Pink elephants—Faith Miller, Doris Gunther, Elizabeth Lynch, Lisa Mason, Linda Knight.

Lions 'n tigers

Tigers were Donna Evans, Lisa Drexler, Kathy Nottall.

Horses were Heath Norton, Paul Cargill, Paul Bray and Paul Nolan.

Lions were Cathy Bomans, Colleen McKnight, Sherri Rea, Vera Longstreet, Kathleen Nolan and Susan Jones; zebras Jennifer Price, Mathew Adams, Heather Drysdale.

Rick Baginski and Danny McGiloway took the part of a lion.

Swings surprise

Other numbers in the first part of the show included clowns, high wire artists, bare back riders with horses, acrobats and a circus band.

Swings were rigged to come down from the rafters for the acrobats.

The second half of the show featured appealing numbers to popular tunes, ending in the finale, The Age of Aquarius.

Skaters included Susan McPhail, Colleen DeBruyn, Colleen McGiloway, Joyce Denny, Pat Gibson, Cathy Lawson, Patti Dunn, Theresa McGiloway, Anne Marie Luty, Diane Baginski, Kathy Toth.

Marilyn DeBruyn, Bruce McPhail, David McGiloway, Tommy Rosenbersky, Bob Kilby, Gordon MacArthur, Scott Malcolm, Rick Gibson, Nancy Hurd, Dale Wilkinson, Kerry O'Brien, Pamela Simmons, Lisa Maddeaux, Lynda Shadbolt, Dianne Hickey, Lori DeBruyn, Elliott Newman, Norman Charette, Bobby Skuce, Rick Dupuis, Blake Norton, Derek Neely, Jimmy Britton, Christopher Conroy, Garth Turner, Peter Hurdie.

Debbie James, Kim Jackson, Joanne Hearn, Kathleen Cheyne, Debbie Neely, Debbie Andres, Julie Townsley, Lynda Shadbolt, Jane Hudson, Kim Ottaway, Kelly Buchanan, Carrie McCristall, Alana Turner, Monica Heptner, Valerie Graham, Leslie Graham, Rhona Slcock, Jennifer McAdam, Sonja

Bowman, Carol McKenzie, Kim Lawrence, Penny Kirton, Debbie James, Helen Gunther. Just a couple of skaters weren't in the show Saturday.

Guest skater

Sparkling, speedy guest skater was Rachel Amelia of the Chatham skating club, 1970 Novice skating champion at Lake Placid; 1970 Novice Ladies' free skating champion, Toronto and 1971 Novice Ladies' champion of Western Ontario.

Trophies presented

Club president Gary DeBruyn presented trophies for co-operation and general excellence during the year — novice Kim Jackson, juvenile Jennifer Dupuis, junior Kim McCristall and senior Gerda Seiz.

Gifts and flowers were presented at the end of the show to the club professionals Nancy Skuce and Sally Leatherland, and the guest skater.

Executive

Heading the skating club executive are president Gary DeBruyn, first vice-president Mario Baginski, secretary Marie Shadbolt, and treasurer Ena Gibson, with Barb Jackson as test chairman.

Peggy De Bruyn was carnival chairman with committee members Irma Schupp, Barb Trotter, Marg Britton, Shirley Rosenbersky, Pat Streets, Art Jones and Harold Andres.

Lights, action!

Harold Townsley was in charge of the properties for the show. Ed Leatherland was in charge of the music with Charlie Perry stage director.

Ron McKnight was master of ceremonies, announcing the numbers.

Operating the spot lights were John Buckman, John Shadbolt, Jim Gibson, Jack Carpenter and Ken Marshall.

Previous costumes and head-dresses were remodelled for Carnival '71. Jim Gibson spent hours, with Mr. De Bruyn and Mr. Baginski, making the big train and the swings.

About 800 saw the show.



WHIPPED CREAM WAS THE number Debbie Drinkwater and Susan Schupp performed for a full house at Saturday's skating carnival. —(Staff Photo)



APPEALING zebras await their turn in the carnival limelight. The youngest skaters delighted the crowds. —(Staff Photo)



SHARON Barber had a solo role in Romeo and Juliet. Her costume was silver and pink. —(Staff Photo)



PENSIVE poodle ponders her part in the Ice Revue Saturday. —(Staff Photo)



FEATURED as a magician was soloist Gerda Seiz. —(Staff Photo)



POODLES LINE up for their entrance through the sparkling curtain at the Ice Revue. Wearing costumes trimmed with fluffy net and pom pom ears were a dozen of the charming young skaters in the show. —(Staff Photo)