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Lethbridge Skating Club Athlete performs with 'Rock the Rink' Tour

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A skater from the Lethbridge Skating Club performed with a cast of championship figure skaters at the ENMAX Centre last night as part of the 'Rock the Rink' tour. The show, headlined by Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, included a star-studded cast of 9 of the world's best skaters including Patrick Chan, Elvis Stojko, Kaetlyn Osmond and more. The tour selected a Special Olympics athlete to join the show in each of the tour stops across the country. The Lethbridge Figure Skating Club was proud and excited to have Moriah Van't Land selected as the Lethbridge athlete.

Moriah has true passion for performing, and will tell anyone that asks that she wants to be famous! Before the show started, when Moriah had a chance to see where her family and skating friends were seated, she told her mom, Angela, "Oh no, I'm going to be too famous!" Performing in front of her biggest crowd to date at Rock the Rink, Moriah thrilled the audience, skating to 'Give Me a 10' from Beethoven's Wig. At the end of the show, Moriah was welcomed back to the ice, getting a hug from Patrick Chan before taking a bow with the cast and skating a victory lap to 'high-five' spectators seated rink side.

Performing in Rock the Rink was an exciting and unique opportunity for Moriah. When the show was done and the nerves had passed her mom asked her, 'how was it?' and Moriah answered as only Moriah can, "It was magical. Happy glitter magic!"

Moriah is 13 years old and has been skating with the Lethbridge Skating Club for 7 years. For the past 2 seasons Moriah has been competing in Special Olympics events. In February of this year, Moriah competed at the 2019 Special Olympics Alberta Winter Games in Calgary, where she won Gold. This past spring Moriah was awarded the Jamie Salé Special Olympics Skater Achievement Award by Skate Canada Alberta/NWT Nunavut. Moriah is currently working hard to improve her spiral, and her long term goal is to compete in Special Olympics at Worlds.

Media wishing to meet Moriah can contact Tanya Whipple to arrange a time.

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Background information

The Lethbridge Skating Club serves Lethbridge and surrounding communities. We are a non-profit society with an annual membership of approximately 500. Our mission is to provide an inclusive community that inspires passion, confidence and lifelong success through the sport of skating.

As a club under the umbrella of Skate Canada, located in the Alberta NWT/Nunavut Section, the Lethbridge Skating Club offers a wide variety of Skate Canada programming including Canskate for children and adults, STARSkate figure skating programs, synchronized skating, power skating and adult skating.

- CanSkate is a learn-to-skate program that teaches balance, control and agility skills. Canskate is for beginners and those wishing to improve their basic skills whether their focus be for figure skating, hockey, speed skating or just skating for fun.
- Canpowerskate is an action-packed program for hockey and ringette players to improve their balance, power, agility, speed and endurance. In this program, athletes will learn the skills needed to increase their success in game settings.
- STARSkate teaches figure skating skills in a group and/or private lesson format. Skaters have the opportunity to compete at sanctioned competitions that are held throughout the season across the province. Skaters in STARSkate will learn skills in Freeskate, Dance, Skills and Interpretive.
- Synchronized skating is teams of skaters performing group formations and maneuvers, performing as one unit executing circles, blocks, lines, wheels and intersections. Our teams are the 'Lethbridge Ice Angels' and in the 2019-2020 season there are 4 teams; Beginner, Elementary, Juvenile and Elite.
- Adult skating at the Lethbridge Skating Club has seen a rise in popularity over the past few seasons. The club offers Adult sessions during the regular season. Adult sessions are structured to accommodate skaters of all levels, no matter their skating experience or goals.
- Special Olympics and Inclusive skaters are incorporated into our programming at the Lethbridge Skating Club. The club provides adaptive programming and additional coaching support for skaters to help them be successful on the ice.

ATB Centre is our 'home' rink and houses our office and storage spaces, and is the location of most of our programming. In addition we offer programming at Civic and Nicholas Sheran Ice Centre.

All Lethbridge Skating Club programming is provided by our team of professional coaches. All club coaches are NCCP certified and offer well over 185 years of combined experience.

The Lethbridge Skating Club has a rich history of hosting quality events.

- In 2019, the 25th annual 'Chinook Open' was held at ATB Centre. Chinook Open is a sanctioned figure skating competition that attracts up to 700 athletes from across Alberta and BC.
- The club hosted its 6th annual element event, 'Frozen Fest' in December of 2018. Frozen Fest is a grass roots event for young skaters in Lethbridge and the surrounding communities, where even the youngest skaters in Canskate can show off their skills in a fun competition setting.
- The LSC maintains its tradition of concluding each season with an ice show for skaters to perform for family and friends. This year's show will be held at Nicholas Sheran Ice Centre on April 4th, 2020.
- Another event the LSC takes pride in is the high level seminars for skaters. In the past few years, we have hosted seminars with Ravi Walia (2017), Elvis Stojko (2018), and Kaetlyn Osmond (2019).

The club's main 'season' of skating is from October each year until March, when all programs run in full swing. In addition, the club offers programming during its fall season (September), spring session (April, May and June) and at the summer camps held in July.

The Lethbridge Skating Club has been teaching Lethbridge to skate since 1939, and we look forward to many more years of providing quality skating experiences.