

The ISCF Christmas Show has been a long-standing and beloved tradition for years here at the Gateway Ice Center. Showcasing a wide range of talents from skaters of all ages, the show both provides a platform for skaters who've never performed before, and allows competitors to display how their skills have improved. Skating School Director and coach Tina McDonald is honored to be playing such a massive role in the Christmas Show's production this year, and promises an exciting performance that everyone will enjoy.

"I want the kids to have a really good time with it," McDonald explains when asked about her goals for the show. Every skater who is apart of the show trains diligently for their minute in the spotlight, and the payoff at the end of the day has always been worth it. This tradition goes back for generations. McDonald reminisces about when she use to do the show remarking that it was, "Always just the funnest thing... we would look forward to it every year!" By being involved now she is continuing to bring that joy to every young skater here at Gateway.

McDonald isn't the only one getting involved, the show wouldn't be possible if it weren't for the help of the ISCF board, the club, and all of the show's volunteers. These are the ice monitors, cashiers, photographers, exc..., they are the backbone of the night, supporting each skater that performs and making everything possible. McDonald agrees completely explaining that, "Volunteers are very important. We need all those people, one person can never do it all." The help from everyone in our Figure Skating community is what makes the Christmas Show a success.

On Saturday December 1st, we can expect diverse and exciting performances from all levels. Skating school will be participating as well as many soloists who have never performed in the show before. Viewers can look forward to an iconic country themed routine by the McDonald's own performing group that will also skate for the Fresno Monsters Rodeo Night. So remember to bring a toy and come support the Gateway Ice Center figure skaters in the Christmas Show!