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## ISU live streams Open Ice - a show featuring Figure Skaters from around the World to raise funds for COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund

In support of those most affected by COVID-19, Olympic Ice Dancer Kaitlyn Weaver is producing and hosting a one-off talk show called Open Ice. Jordan Cowan, of On Ice Perspectives, is co-producing the project. It will feature some of the World's best Skaters in the intimate setting of their own homes with the aim to raise funds for the United Nations Foundation's COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund the WHO. The International Skating Union (ISU) is supporting the project by Live Streaming it on the Skating ISU YouTube Channel on April 25, 2020, at 14:00 EST (20:00 CET, April 26 at 03:00 JST).

Games, interviews and impromptu performances will vary the pace of the warm and intimate chat hosted in Weaver's own apartment in New York (USA), with some unscripted moments and unbridled spontaneity guaranteed.

Guests will include the likes of Scott Hamilton, <u>Michelle Kwan</u>, Sandra Bezic, <u>Nathan Chen</u>, <u>Aljona Savchenko</u>, Shae-Lynn Bourne, <u>Meryl Davis & Charlie White</u>, Katia Gordeeva, Kurt Browning, Tracy Wilson, Brian Orser, <u>Javier Fernandez</u>, <u>Elizaveta Tuktamysheva</u>, <u>Satoko Miyahara</u>, Yuka Sato, <u>Patrick Chan, Meagan Duhamel & Eric Radford</u>, <u>Todd Eldredge</u>, <u>Galit Chait</u>, <u>Valentina Marchei</u>, and many more from around the world.

The ISU is overwhelmed by the tragic developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic and feels with those who have been affected and threatened by this situation and wishes success and pays tribute to all those fighting to overcome the crisis, with the expectation and hope that the situation will be restored to normal as quickly as possible. The ISU expresses condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones due to this contagious disease.

You can support the movement by watching the show Live on <u>Skating ISU YouTube Channel</u> on April 25, 2020 at 14:00 EST. If you would like more information, or to contribute further and help those who need to get #UpAgain the most, please follow this link: <a href="http://www.openicelive.com/">http://www.openicelive.com/</a>

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## About the International Skating Union

The International Skating Union (ISU), founded in 1892, is the oldest governing international winter sport federation and the exclusive international sport federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) administering the sports of Figure Skating (Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance), Synchronized Skating,

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Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating worldwide. The objectives of the ISU are to regulate, govern, promote and develop its sports on the basis of friendship and mutual understanding between athletes. Currently three ISU disciplines are included in the Olympic Winter Games program (Figure Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating). For further information please visit <u>isu.org</u>.