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## 2018 Stars On Ice Tour will keep the Olympic flame burning when it visits SMG-managed Van Andel Arena® in Grand Rapids, MI on May 4

Performances from U.S. Medal Hopefuls Nathan Chen and Ashley Wagner and 2014
Olympic Gold Medalists Meryl Davis & Charlie White Highlight Nationwide Tour

**Grand Rapids** — Every four years, the Winter Olympics not only give us a chance to celebrate and revel in our favorite athletes, but also to discover some incredible new breakout stars. Ardent fans of figure skating have become familiar with U.S. National Champion **Nathan Chen**, but by the time the 2018 Winter Olympic Games are over, the world will be as well. Chen, the first skater to land five different quadruple jumps in a single competition program, will be a key member of an immensely talented U.S. Figure Skating Team looking to grab Gold at the Olympics. He will also be the centerpiece of the 2018 **Stars on Ice** tour that will feature many of the skaters vying for a medal for the U.S. in the 2018 Winter Olympics. The Tour will arrive in Grand Rapids, MI on Friday, May 4 for a 7:30 PM performance at Van Andel Arena.

This year's *Stars on Ice* tour will put American fans front and center to experience the best of the U.S. Figure Skating team that will compete in <a href="Pyeongchang">Pyeongchang</a>, <a href="South Korea">South Korea</a>. Joining Chen will be Olympic medal hopefuls including; three-time National Champion and 2016 World Silver Medalist Ashley Wagner</a>, two-time Ice Dance National Champions and three-time World medalists <a href="Maia & Alex Shibutani">Maia & Alex Shibutani</a>, 2017 U.S. Ladies Champion <a href="Karen Chen">Karen Chen</a>, as well as National Champion, and huge crowd favorite, <a href="Jason Brown">Jason Brown</a>. The Emmy Award-winning production will also feature U.S. Olympic royalty, Ice Dance Gold Medalists <a href="Meryl Davis & Charlie White">Meryl Davis & Charlie White</a>.

Tickets for the **2018 Stars on Ice** tour will go on sale **Friday, December 8 at 10 AM**. Tickets start at \$25 and are available at <a href="www.starsonice.com">www.starsonice.com</a>, <a href="mailto:Ticketmaster.com">Ticketmaster.com</a>, the Van Andel Arena and DeVos Place® box offices, and by phone at 1-800-745-3000. Limited on-ice seating is available upon request. Group discounts are available for parties of 10 or more. Please visit <a href="www.starsonice.com">www.starsonice.com</a> for the most up to date information and show announcements. Ticket prices are subject to change. Additional fees will apply.

**Stars on Ice** continues to be a pioneer in figure skating by offering fans the rare opportunity to witness some of the world's most creative and cherished champions performing together in both individual and ensemble routines. Founded and produced by Olympic Gold Medalist **Scott Hamilton**, **Stars on Ice** is one of the premier family entertainment events in the U.S., and the only figure skating Tour in America, that has annually brought fans the greatest performances and competitors from around the globe.

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## **About Stars on Ice**

Founded in 1986 by skating icon Scott Hamilton, the *Stars on Ice* Tour has performed more than 1,500 shows over the last three decades. Past Tour performers include Olympic Gold Medalists *Kristi Yamaguchi, Katarina Witt, Scott Hamilton* and *Torvill & Dean*. The Tour has won three Emmy Awards, one ACE Cable Award (Best Sports Special), and is recognized as the finest ice production in the world. *Stars on Ice* is produced by IMG, the global leader in sports, fashion and media. For more information about the Tour, visit <a href="www.starsonice.com">www.starsonice.com</a>. Keep in touch with *Stars on Ice* on Facebook: <a href="www.facebook.com/starsonice">www.facebook.com/starsonice</a>, Instagram: <a href="www.instagram.com/starsonice">www.instagram.com/starsonice</a> and on Twitter: <a href="www.decades.com/starsonice">www.twitter.com/starsonice</a>.

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