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Skate Canada Challenge Returns to Regina for Two More Years

OTTAWA, ON: Skate Canada announced today that Regina, Sask., will be the host of the 2013 Skate Canada Challenge and the 2014 Skate Canada Challenge. The 2013 event will take place from December 5-8, 2012 at Co-operators Centre at Evraz Place. The 2014 event will run from December 4-7, 2013. Regina hosted the event for the first time in December of 2011.

"We are really looking forward to heading back to Regina for the next two years. Last year the city and Evraz Place were wonderful hosts. It's a great venue and provides everything we need to host an event of this importance and magnitude," said William Thompson, Skate Canada CEO.

Over 500 skaters will participate in the event. All skaters will have to qualify through their respective sectional championships in order to compete at this event. This is the only opportunity for novice, junior and senior skaters to qualify for the 2013 and then the 2014 Canadian Figure Skating Championships.

"Evraz Place, along with its community partners, the Regina Hotel Association and the Regina Opportunities Commission is proud to secure two more years for this major national competition. Hundreds of people from across Canada will come to Regina to experience Regina's warm hospitality, facilities and services. Our new Cooperators Centre has proven to be an ideal venue for multi-arena events like this," said Mark Allan, President & CEO of Evraz Place.

Skate Canada Challenge will also see the crowning of the Canadian Pre-Novice Champions in men's, women's, pair and ice dance.

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Skate Canada, the national governing body responsible for the development and administration of skating in Canada, is the largest figure skating association in the world. With over 5,000 registered coaches, skating programs for athletes of all ages are offered at nearly 1,300 skating clubs and schools across the

country. Skate Canada is an association dedicated to providing every Canadian the opportunity to learn life skills while experiencing the power, strength and creativity of one of Canada's premier sports.

In 2012, Skate Canada produced two world champions, Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir in ice dance and Patrick Chan in men's. This is the first time Canada has produced two senior world champions since 1993.

"Skate Canada… teaching Canadians to skate for 125 years"