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A CHRISTMAS WITH OPERA ON ICE

ON CHRISTMAS DAY, IN THE AFTERNOON CANALE 5 IS TO BROADCAST THE 2012 SHOW

A SPECIAL 2013 EDITION CHRISTMAS SALE TO BEGIN ON DECEMBER 15
(ARENA DI VERONA - SEPTEMBER 28)

Verona, December 17, 2012. On the wake of a very successful last edition, **Opera on ice** will leave a mark on Christmas 2012, too.

The 2013 edition date is already set: worldwide ice-skating champions will put up a show at the **Arena di Verona** on **September 28**, performing the most famous opera arias.

After the experience gathered over the last two editions and given the high demand for tickets, the organizers decided to advance the sale of tickets for the third edition just before Christmas. As of **December 15**, Opera on Ice 2013 tickets will be on sale on **ticketone** (www.ticketone.it), the perfect gift for all ice-skating and opera fans.

The promotional offer will end on January 15, 2013.

The strong tie between ice-skating and Christmas is confirmed by Opera on ice 2012, a family show, having been broadcast on television. **On Tuesday, December 25**, at **5.10 pm**, Alfonso Signorini and Costanza Calabrese will present the magic of **Carolina Kostner, Evgeni Plushenko, Shizuka Arakawa, Stéphane Lambiel** and the other international ice-skating stars on **Canale 5**.

The audience will sample the magic atmosphere that won the hearts of **12,000** people attending at the Arena di Verona on September 22. They will enjoy the special Carolina Kostner and Stéphane Lambiel combo, for the first time together, accompanied by the notes of "Je veux vivre", an aria taken from "Romeo et Juliette", Gounod's famous opera set in Verona.

Viewers may also see the marvellous costumes, made for the occasion by "Il Costume-Roma-Verona" and inspired to 1968 Zeffirelli's "Romeo e Giulietta" models. The music performance is also noteworthy and features your opera talents, supported by the 200-strong Fondazione Arena di Verona choir and orchestra, directed by the incredible Maestro Fabio Mastrangelo.

And most importantly, Carolina Kostner, the promoter and protagonist of the event, will also be there: *"Performing in Opera on Ice, to the sound of the amazing Arena di Verona choir and orchestra, – said Kostner – was an unimaginable thrill and a true honour. I am very happy that it will be broadcast on television. It is a unique show that can truly show how spectacular this sport can be. Since I took part in Opera on ice I have grown to love and appreciate opera, by listening to it. Thus I have learnt to appreciate absolute masterpieces such as Il Trovatore"*.

Evgeni Plushenko, Russian champion, star and worldwide skating icon shares the same opinion: *"It was one of the most positive and extraordinary experiences I've ever had. The adrenaline was off the charts and the cast was unparalleled. This event has proven*

that figure skating is not merely a sport, but true art, ballet, and acrobatic feats. Add the fantastic choir and orchestra in the largest open-air theatre in the World and you have quite a show”.

The September 22, 2012 event staged at the Arena di Verona was organised and produced by Opera on Ice S.r.l.

From an idea of Giulia Mancini, in collaboration with Daniela Mancini, Danilo Mancini and Giuseppe Sorcinelli.

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Numbers

200 elements in the Arena di Verona choir and orchestra; the massive rink is built by Icefantasy and measures **800** square metres. **35,000** litres of water will be used, equivalent to approximately **1,600,000** ice cubes. **1,088** pipes run underneath the rink for a total length of **43,520** meters, **400** kw of power are used for the event, as well as **650** kw of refrigerating power, just enough to cool **150** two-room apartments. Ice takes **42** hours to form, **700** in total to complete the rink, **900** Kw of heat power generated by the diesel heater are needed to defrost the rink at the end of the event. To see the backstage visit the video gallery at www.operaonice.eu

The cast

Carolina Kostner, 2012 world champion, three-time medallist at the World Championship, four-time European champion, three-time medallist at the European Championship, winner at the 2011 figure skating Grand Prix and six-time Italian champion;

Evgeni Plushenko, Russian champion, star and worldwide skating icon, winner at the 2006 Turin Winter Olympics and silver medallist in Vancouver and Salt Lake City, three-time world champion and seven-time European champion;

Stéphane Lambiel, Swiss, silver medallist at the 2006 Turin Winter Olympics and twice world champion, he is nicknamed *le roi des pirouettes*;

Aliona Savchenko and **Robin Szolkowy**, a famous German figure-skating duo, bronze medallists at the last Olympic games, four-time world champions and four-time European champions;

Shizuka Arakawa, winner at the 2006 Turin Winter Olympics and 2004 world champion;

Anna Cappellini and **Luca Lanotte**, the jewel on the crown of the Italian national team;

Hot Shivers senior, Italian synchronised skating team.

The singers:

Tenor - Marco Frusoni (Fondazione L. Pavarotti)

Tenor - Alessandro Scotto Di Luzio (Fondazione L. Pavarotti)

Soprano - France Dariz

Soprano - Mirella Bunoaica

Mezzo-soprano - Valeria Sepe (Fondazione L. Pavarotti)

Baritone - Krum Gabalov

Young ice-skating academy athletes:

Hot Shivers - Precision Skating Milano female cadet team - Sesto San Giovanni

Daniel Grassl - Ice Club Merano (BZ)

Desiree Beltrone - Axel (Rome)

Alice Marchelli and Nikolay Memola - Agorà Skating Team (Milan)

Lavinia Casteller - Ice Club Lessinia Bosco Chiesa Nuova (VR)

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