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EMPIRE "SKATE" PLAZA JANUARY EVENTS SCHEDULE

Free events include Olympians, college hockey exhibition and skating clinics.

January 16 - 11 am - Noon RPI Men's Hockey Team Exhibition

11 am - Noon: Hockey Exhibition – spectators welcome, there will be no public skating during the exhibition.

12:30: Public Skating resumes.

January 21 - Noon - 3 pm Skatefest featuring 2002 Olympic Champion Sarah Hughes and 2006 Olympian Emily Hughes

As part of U.S. Figure Skating's National Skating Month, the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) will host Skatefest. The afternoon's activities will feature skating clinics led by the Hughes sisters and instructors from many Capital Region skating clubs. There will be classes for those who have never skated before and those who want to hone their existing skills.

Free rental skates will be available for clinic participants (sponsored by NYSUT) and free hot chocolate (sponsored by SEFCU) are part of the afternoon's activities.

There are a limited number of clinic spots available so participants are strongly encouraged to pre-register at www.ogs.ny.gov

Spectators are welcome, however there will be no public skating during the clinics.

January 25 - 6 - 7 pm Open Skate with RPI Men's Hockey Team

6 – 7 pm Meet members of the RPI hockey team and spend some time with them on the ice.

January 28 - Noon - 3 pm Open Skate with World-Class Sliders

ORDA brings world champion bobsled and skeleton athletes to the rink to meet and skate with fans, sign autographs and more!

In addition to meeting world class athletes and other fun surprises, there will be tons of prizes and giveaways including free tickets to the Bauhaus Fibt Bob and Skeleton World Championships at the Olympic Sports Complex in Lake Placid, and 2 for 1 lift tickets to Whiteface Mountain.