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### **CHAMPION FIGURE SKATER NANCY KERRIGAN TO MAKE SPECIAL APPEARANCE AT EMPIRE STATE PLAZA ICE RINK FEBRUARY 7**

New York State Office of General Services Commissioner RoAnn Destito today announced that two-time Olympic figure skating medalist Nancy Kerrigan will make a special appearance at the Empire State Plaza Ice Rink from 4 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 7.

“I am very pleased to be welcoming world-class figure skating champion Nancy Kerrigan to the Empire ‘Skate’ Plaza, as part of our support of the upcoming Aurora Games,” Commissioner Destito said. “Her successes on the rink have inspired many young skaters who dream of competing on the ice. I invite members of the public to come and meet, have their picture taken with, and get an autograph from one of America’s most recognizable sports icons.”

Kerrigan’s appearance at the Plaza is sponsored by OGS, I LOVE NY, At the Plaza Events, and the Aurora Games, a new international, world-class, all-women’s multi-sport competition and entertainment festival that will be held in Albany this August. Kerrigan serves as the Figure Skating Chair on the Aurora Games Advisory Board.

Kerrigan’s rise to competing at a national level began when she placed 3rd at the 1991 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, allowing her to qualify for the 1991 World Championships where she won the bronze medal as part of an American sweep.

In 1992, she earned a bronze medal in the Albertville Winter Olympics and the silver medal at the 1992 World Championships. In 1993 Kerrigan became the United States Ladies Champion and followed that up with her historic silver medal performance at the 1994 Lillehammer Winter Olympics.

In addition to her work on the ice, the two-time Olympic medalist has regularly appeared on television and movies as an actor (Boy Meets World, Blades of Glory, Saturday Night Live, Skating with Celebrities) or commentator (Entertainment Tonight, The Insider, Lifetime Network, Fox Sports, NBC Sports), and is well known for being instrumental in the creation of Halloween on Ice.

The Nancy Kerrigan Foundation has raised significant funds for the vision impaired in honor of her legally blind mother and she has been recognized for her excellence on

and off the ice (US Figure Skating Hall of Fame, Mother's Day Foundation Mother of the Year, New England Sports Hall of Fame).

**Ice Rink Information:**

- **Hours:** Noon to 8 p.m. seven days a week, weather permitting. Closed daily 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for maintenance.
- **Cost to skate:** Free
- **Skate Rentals:** \$4 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. A photo ID is required to rent skates. Every Saturday is Hannaford Free Skate Rental Saturday.
- **Amenities:** Lockers, skate rentals, and refreshments are available in the glass pavilion adjacent to the rink.

For updates on the status of the rink and winter activities at the Plaza, visit [empirestateplaza.ny.gov](http://empirestateplaza.ny.gov), @EmpireStatePlaza on Facebook, or @plazaevents on Twitter.

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