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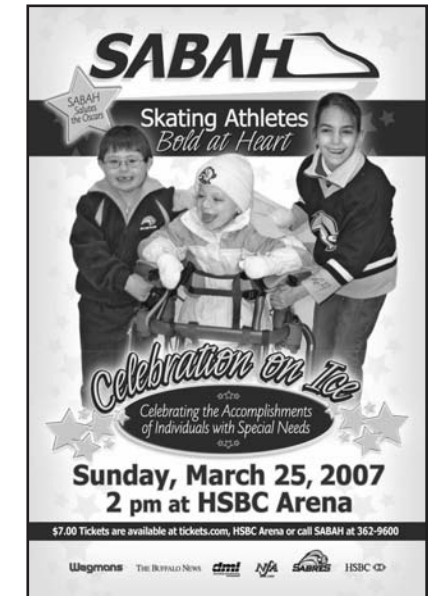
The 2007 Celebration on Ice Will Warm Your Heart

This winter there's a flurry of activity at SABAH rinks throughout Western New York as preparations for our 2007 *Celebration on Ice* get underway. This year's theme is "SABAH Salutes the Oscars," and the show will take place on Sunday, March 25th at 2:00 PM at HSBC Arena. The SABAH *Celebration on Ice* is a time-honored, heartwarming tradition in the local community as it enters its 30th annual run.

Our 2007 athletes from all over the Niagara Frontier will take center stage to Hollywood-inspired hits including the theme songs from the movies "Rocky," "Top Gun,"

and "Chicago," to name a few. Just like great Oscar-winning performers, our skaters and their volunteers have spent months preparing for the upcoming performance and are working hard to hone their skating skills. SABAH athletes from the Weekend/Weeknight and School Day Programs eagerly await the chance to showcase their accomplishments and hope to have a larger audience this year than ever before.

For three decades, the show has fostered fond memories and special moments for individuals from all walks of life. The event continues to bring out the best in



athletes, volunteers and audience members as we gather to celebrate the joy of working together to accomplish amazing things.

Any great performance has a wonderful supporting cast, and SABAH's *Celebration on Ice* is no exception. See **SHOW** on page 2

SABAH Unveils New Website

On Friday, January 12th SABAH launched its fresh new face on the worldwide web. New features to the site include a photo gallery where skaters, volunteers and families can find pictures of themselves at SABAH events; a featured skater and volunteer of the month; event announcements and calendar listings, along with a fun new area for posting messages to your friends and the community.

Check out the NEWS REEL at www.sabahinc.org to post a message and read what others have to say. Newsletters will also be available online in PDF format.

Please e-mail amichnik@sabahinc.org if you would like to receive the SABAH *Scenes* newsletter electronically.



Volunteers Needed for the 2007 Ice Show

WHAT CAN I DO?

- Usher
- Sell Programs
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- Security
- Back Stage
- Set Up
- General Help

Help out SABAH at this year's *Celebration on Ice* on March 25th at the HSBC Arena!

Grab a friend, parent, co-worker, youth group, church group, or other organization and volunteer your time on the day of the show. With your help we can make the 2007 show, "SABAH Salutes the Oscars" a tremendous success.

If you are interested please understand that this is a job with a set time commitment requiring focus. Our two volunteer sessions run:

Session I: 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. -or-
Session II: 12:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M.

Download your application today at www.sabahinc.org under the NEWS/EVENTS section.



Some SABAH ambassadors skating at Hamburg

Congratulations to our SABAH skaters and new Wegmans ambassadors!

You may start to see them in posters around town so keep your eyes peeled!

*Ambassadors were chosen based on equal representation of all rinks & programs associated with SABAH.



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“Skating makes me feel real.
On the ice I can fly and be....somebody.”
SABAH School Day Skater



Greetings From The Executive Director!

As the season begins to wind down and excitement builds for SABAH's *Celebration on Ice*, I would like to thank everyone who has made this season so special. Once again, your outstanding spirit and efforts prove that together we can make amazing things happen for our special Athletes.

The 2006-2007 season brought many new faces along with “old”

friends, increasing our Evening & Weekend Programs to near capacity. We continue to forge new partnerships and develop new programming to meet the needs of our skaters, families and volunteers. Some of our new initiatives include an interactive web site and a hockey program in conjunction with Nichols School. In addition, we are establishing outreach programs at local schools to educate the community about

the capabilities of our athletes on and off the ice.

Amidst the excitement of change and growth, SABAH remains dedicated to our guiding philosophy: turning possibilities into realities for those with disabilities.

Please continue to join us in creating the best SABAH possible: As a skater, family member or volunteer, you are the heart of what we do! - *Sheila O'Brien*



Disney On Ice Stars with SABAH School Day Skaters at the Riverside Rink

Disney On Ice visits SABAH

On Thursday, January 25th *Disney On Ice* visited SABAH's School Day Program at the Riverside Rink in Buffalo.

Characters skated to tropical music with our athletes dressed in Hawaiian shirts and leis.

SABAH athletes were also given tickets to enjoy the show, *Disney On Ice*, “Mickey & Minnie's Magical Journey” at HSBC Arena. Check out our website, www.sabahinc.org, for more photos from the Hawaiian adventure!

SHOW Cont'd

Our major sponsors include a star-studded lineup of generous, community-minded organizations: The Buffalo Sabres, Wegmans, Diversified Manufacturing (DMI), National Fire Adjustment Co., Inc. (NFA), HSBC, The Buffalo News, Phillips Lytle, Time Warner Cable, and The Mentholatum Company. Also helping out are Campbell Associates, Media Pros & Mod-Pac.

On behalf of hundreds of SABAH athletes and their families, we truly appreciate the outstanding commitment of all event sponsors in showcasing the capabilities and accomplishments of those challenged by physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities.

For more information about tickets, volunteer opportunities and sponsorship options for the 2007 *Celebration on Ice*, please call the SABAH office at 716-362-9600. We look forward to enjoying the show with you on March 25th!

SABAH Stars of the Month



Dan Yager and his volunteer Jim Meyer

Dan Yager of the North Buffalo skating rink is this month's SABAH Skating Star! He is affiliated with the People Inc. CAPP Program and has been skating with SABAH for 12 years.

He is 23 years old, lives in Buffalo and enjoys bowling as his favorite hobby. When he isn't bowling, Dan is practicing his skating skills for SABAH and rooting for the Buffalo Sabres Hockey Team. Dan is a Sabres FANATIC and can't wait for SABAH to skate with the team!



Nick Walsh and Jessica Meade at the Amherst Pepsi Center

This month's Volunteer Star is Nick Walsh from the Amherst Pepsi Center. Nick has been skating since 2003, and he is 17 years old. He skates with Group Three and is always willing to lend a hand both on and off the ice.

Nick attends St. Joe's High School in Buffalo.

Congratulations, January Stars!

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