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Lausanne, Switzerland

## ISU Skating Awards 2023 List of Candidates

On December 15, 2022, the International Skating Union (ISU) announced the list of candidates selected for the ISU Skating Awards 2023. The public and the media have the possibility to cast their vote from December 15<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 via the [online voting platform](#). The full list of candidates is available below in alphabetical order.

### Most Valuable Skater

Honors the Single Skater or Pair or Ice Dance Couple who promoted Figure Skating – due to a successful competition season, creating (social) media attention and engagement in 2022 (GP 2021 accepted).

- Nathan CHEN (USA)
- Yuma KAGIYAMA (JPN)
- Riku MIURA/ Ryuichi KIHARA (JPN)
- Gabriella PAPADAKIS / Guillaume CIZERON (FRA)
- Kaori SAKAMOTO (JPN)
- Anna SHCHERBAKOVA (RUS)
- Wenjing SUI / Cong HAN (CHN)
- Shoma UNO (JPN)

### Best Costume

Honors the Single Skater or Pair or Ice Dance Couple presenting a costume for the first time in 2022 (GP 2021 accepted) reflecting creativity, fashion, style and originality.

- Jason BROWN (USA) Short Program 2021/22 - *Designed by: Elena Pollack*
- Ashley CAIN / Timothy LEDUC (USA) Free Skating 2021/22 - *Designed by: Denyse Frey & Timothy LeDuc & Darlene Cain*
- Madison CHOCK / Evan BATES (USA) Free Dance 2021/22 - *Designed by: Madison Chock*
- Lilah FEAR / Lewis GIBSON (GBR) Free Dance 2021/22 - *Designed by: Josiane Lamond*
- Piper GILLES / Paul POIRIER (CAN) Rhythm Dance 2021/22 - *Designed by: Bobby Ackbarali & Peter Defreitas*
- Daniel GRASSL (ITA) Short Program 2022/23 - *Designed by: Marika Poli*
- Charlene GUIGNARD / Marco FABBRI (ITA) Free Dance 2022/23 - *Designed by: Maria Luigia Zocchi & Denise Pelligro*

- Yuzuru HANYU (JPN) Short Program 2021/22 - *Designed by: Satomi Ito*
- Leona HENDRICKX (BEL) Free Skating 2021/22 - *Designed by: Natalia Komar*
- Wakaba HIGUCHI (JPN) Free Skating 2021/22 - *Designed by: Satomi Ito*
- Alexa Knierim and Brandon Frazier (USA) Short Program 2022/23 - *Designed By: Mathieu Caron*
- Sihyeong LEE (KOR) Free Skating 2022/23 - *Designed By: Ahn Gyumi*
- Isabeau LEVITO (USA) 2022/23 - *Designed by: Svetlana Kolobova & Yulia Kuznetsova*
- Mai MIHARA (JPN) Free Skating 2022/23 - *Designed by: Satomi Ito*
- Kana MURAMOTO / Daisuke TAKAHASHI (JPN) Rhythm Dance 2021/22 - *Designed by: Taketoshi Hara*
- Cheng PENG / Yan JIN (CHN) Short Program 2021/22 - *Designed by: Xuefei Sun*
- Adam SIAO HIM FA (FRA) Free Skating 2021/22 - *Designed by: Christine Habechian*
- Deanna STELLATO-DUDEK/Maxime DESCHAMPS (CAN) Free Skating 2022/23 - *Designed by: Xpression Elite*
- Wenjing SUI / Cong HAN (CHN) Short Program 2021/22 - *Designed by: Josiane Lamond & Yajie Zhao*
- Young YOU (KOR) Short Program 2022/23 - *Designed by: Lisa McKinnon*

## Most Entertaining Program

Honors the Single Skater or Pair or Ice Dance Couple for the music selection, expression, creativity, contemporary implementation, originality and overall performance presented for the first time in 2022 (GP 2021 accepted)

- Kevin AYMOZ (FRA) Short Program 2022/23
- Donovan CARRILLO (MEX) Short Program 2021/22
- Junhwan CHA (KOR) Short Program 2022/23
- Madison CHOCK / Evan BATES (USA) Free Dance 2021/22
- Lilah FEAR / Lewis GIBSON (GBR) Free Dance 2022/23
- Rebecca GHILARDI / Filippo AMBROSINI (ITA) Short Program 2022/23
- Piper GILLES/Paul POIRIER (CAN) Rhythm Dance 2022/23
- Yuzuru HANYU (JPN) Short Program 2021/22
- Leona HENDRICKX (BEL) Free Skating 2021/22
- Mana KAWABE (JPN) Short Program 2022/23
- Alexa KNIERIM / Brandon FRAZIER (USA) Short Program 2021/22
- Mae-Berenice MEITE (FRA) Short Program 2022/23
- Keegan MESSING (CAN) Short Program 2022/23
- Gabriella PAPADAKIS / Guillaume CIZERON (FRA) Rhythm Dance 2021/22
- Kaori SAKAMOTO (JPN) Free Skating 2022/23
- Adam SIAO HIM FA (FRA) Free Skating 2022/23
- Olivia SMART / Adrian DIAZ (ESP) Free Dance 2021/22
- Wenjing SUI / Cong HAN (CHN) Short Program 2021/22
- Deniss VASILJEVS (LAT) Free Skating 2022/23
- Young YOU (KOR) Free Skating 2021/22

## Best Newcomer

Honors a young talented Single Skater or Pair or Ice Dance Couple competing very successfully for the first time in ISU Events on the Senior level in 2022 (GP 2021 accepted).

- Isabeau LEVITO (USA)
- Niina PETROKINA (EST)
- Karina SAFINA / Luka BERULAVA (GEO)
- Anastasiia SMIRNOVA / Danylo SIIANYTSIA (USA)
- Rinka WATANABE (JPN)

## Best Choreographer

Honors the choreographic work of a Choreographer who successfully inspired one or several Single Skaters and/or Pairs and/or ice Dance Couples. Program must have been performed for the first time in 2022 (GP 2021 accepted)

- Shae-Lynn BOURNE
- Samuel CHOUINARD
- Marie-France DUBREUIL
- Romain HAGUENAUER
- Lori NICHOL
- Benoit RICHAUD
- Adam SOLYA
- David WILSON

## Best Coach

Honors a Coach who delivered professional and efficient work and achieved outstanding results in 2022 (GP 2021 accepted) with one or several Single Skaters and/or Pairs and/or ice Dance Couples

- Rafael ARUTYUNYAN
- Romain HAGUENAUER
- Mie HAMADA
- Hongbo ZHAO
- Stéphane LAMBIEL
- Patrice LAUZON
- Sonoko NAKANO
- Todd SAND

## Lifetime Achievement Award

Honors a Figure Skating legend having achieved great success and popularity and is considered as a role model for the Figure Skating World.

The recipient will be announced on February 5, 2023 during the show.

## Special Achievement Award

Honors a Single Skater or Pair or Ice Dance Couple who makes history by successfully performing a new / special / unique element or move or achieves something extraordinary at an ISU Event in 2022 (GP 2021 accepted) and pushes the boundaries of the sport.

The recipient will be announced on February 5, 2023 during the show.

To cast your vote, visit the [ISU Skating Awards online voting platform](#).

Check out the winners of the 2020 ISU Skating Awards and the Lifetime Achievement Award winners from 2021 [here](#).

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The International Skating Union (ISU), founded in 1892, is the oldest governing international winter sport federation and the exclusive international sport federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) administering the sports of Figure Skating (Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance), Synchronized Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating worldwide. The objectives of the ISU are to regulate, govern, promote and develop its sports on the basis of friendship and mutual understanding between athletes. Currently three ISU disciplines are included in the Olympic Winter Games program (Figure Skating, Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating). For further information please visit [isu.org](#).

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