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ISU Skating Awards 2024 Fact Sheet

Key facts and dates

- **Date:** Sunday 11 February 2024
- **Location:** Zurich, Switzerland
- **Presented by:** International Skating Union (ISU)
- **Inaugural ISU Skating Awards:** 2020
- **Current award holders (2023):**
 - Most Entertaining Program: Gabriella Papadakis & Guillaume Cizeron (FRA)
 - Most Valuable Skater: Nathan Chen (USA)
 - Special Achievement Award: Ilia Malinin (USA)
 - Lifetime Achievement: Katarina Witt (GER)
 - Best Coach: Patrice Lauzon (CAN)
 - Best Choreographer: Shae-Lynn Bourne (CAN)
 - Best Costume: Madison Chock & Evan Bates (USA)
 - Best Newcomer: Isabeau Levito (USA)
- **Website:** <https://isu.org/figure-skating/isu-skating-awards>

About

The ISU Skating Awards is a prestigious annual event that celebrates the best of Figure Skating. A long list of candidates is selected by a Selection Commission which is submitted to a public and media vote. The public vote counts for 2/3 while the media vote counts for 1/3.

Following the public / media vote, three nominees in each category are announced and finally the Award winners are decided by an expert international jury in six categories. The winners of the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Special Achievement Award are decided by a Selection Commission and not submitted to the public / media vote.

The Awards Ceremony was held online for the first three editions. However, the 2023 ceremony was a standalone event in Zurich, Switzerland for an on-ice live show in partnership with Art on Ice and live streamed on the Skating ISU YouTube channel.

As the 2020/2021 editions were exclusively live streamed, and the 2022 edition postponed, the 2024 ISU Skating Awards will take place for the second time at the Hallenstadion in Zurich in partnership with Art on Ice.

History

The ISU Skating Awards was first announced in 2019. It was created to recognize the outstanding achievements of Figure Skaters from around the world.

The inaugural ISU Skating Awards was initially planned to be held in Montreal, Canada, in conjunction with the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2020 which were subsequently cancelled due to the global pandemic. It was therefore held online and hosted by Tanith White and Charlie White. The following categories have been presented throughout the years:

- Most Valuable Skater
- Most Entertaining Program
- Best Newcomer
- Best Costume
- Best Coach
- Best Choreographer
- Lifetime Achievement
- Special Achievement (since 2023)

The ISU Skating Awards has continued to grow in popularity in subsequent years.

Awards format

The ISU Skating Awards consists of three key phases that produce the category winners each year.

1. Voting

Six out of the eight award categories have a long list compiling of up to 20 individuals/pairs – these are called candidates.

For these six awards, the public and the media have the opportunity to vote for their favorite candidates from the long lists.

The three candidates with the most votes are announced as nominees and put forward to the jury who finally select the winner.

Two awards – Lifetime/Special Achievement – do not go to a public vote: winners are selected by a Selection Commission.

2. Jury selection

Candidates with the most votes in the six aforementioned award categories are shortlisted and become nominees – each category shortlist includes up to three nominees.

The shortlists are then put in front of a jury of six made up of former global Figure Skating Champions.

The jury decides who from the lists of nominees will be crowned winners.

3. Live show

The ISU Skating Awards is livestreamed each year through the ISU YouTube channel.

In 2023 celebrities Johnny Weir (Figure Skater/Commentator) and Elma Smit (Journalist/TV Presenter) hosted the show together.

During the livestream, the hosts will reveal the winners and present the ISU Skating Awards trophies during a prize-giving ceremony.

2024

The 2024 ISU Skating Awards will take place on Sunday 11 February 2024 in Zurich, Switzerland. Figure Skating fans across the world can watch the awards by attending the event as a member of the live audience or by tuning into the livestream on [ISU's YouTube channel](#).

For the 2024 edition, Elma Smit returns accompanied by four-time World Figure Skating Champion and legend Kurt Browning.

Past winners

The following lists detail ISU Skating Awards winners to date.

2020

Award	Winner(s)	Other nominees
Most Valuable Skater	Yuzuru Hanyu (JPN)	Nathan Chen (USA) Gabriella Papadakis/Guillaume Cizeron (FRA)
Most Entertaining Program	Gabriella Papadakis/Guillaume Cizeron (FRA)	Evgenia Medvedeva (RUS) Kévin Aymoz (FRA)
Best Newcomer	Alena Kostornaia (RUS)	Alexandra Trusova (RUS) Young You (KOR)
Best Costume	Madison Chock/Evan Bates (USA)	Yuzuru Hanyu (JPN) Anna Shcherbakova (RUS)
Best Coach	Eteri Tutberidze (RUS)	Rafael Arutyunyan (USA) Brian Orser (CAN)
Best Choreographer	Shae-Lynn Bourne (CAN)	Marie-France Dubreuil (CAN) Lori Nichol (CAN)
Lifetime Achievement	Kurt Browning (CAN)	-

2021

Award	Winner(s)	Other nominees
Lifetime Achievement	Tamara Moskvina (RUS) Alexei Mishin (RUS) Jayne Torvill/Christopher Dean (GBR)	-

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- Awards postponed

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Most Valuable Skater	Nathan Chen (USA)	Gabriella Papadakis/Guillaume Cizeron (FRA) Anna Shcherbakova (RUS)
Most Entertaining Program	Gabriella Papadakis/Guillaume Cizeron (FRA)	Donovan Carrillo (MEX) Yuzuru Hanyu (JPN)
Best Newcomer	Isabeau Levito (USA)	Niina Petrõkina (EST) Rinka Watanabe (JPN)
Best Costume	Madison Chock/Evan Bates (USA)	Yuzuru Hanyu (JPN) Loena Hendrickx (BEL)
Best Coach	Patrice Lauzon (CAN)	Rafael Arutyunyan (USA) Stéphane Lambiel (SUI)
Best Choreographer	Shae-Lynn Bourne (CAN)	Benoît Richaud (FRA) Marie-France Dubreuil (CAN)
Special Achievement	Ilia Malinin (USA)	-
Lifetime Achievement	Katarina Witt (GER)	-

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Winners of each category will be announced on 11 February 2024.

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

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About International Skating Union

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](#).

About Art on Ice

Internationally-renowned music stars performing their greatest hits live, the world's elite Olympic and Championship ice skaters choreographed in perfect synchronization and an unforgettable show with spectacular special effects – this combination of superlatives is enough to melt the ice. Year after year, millions of viewers, whether live in the stadium or at home in front of the TV, are enchanted by the passion and power of Art on Ice and its artists.

A star-studded line-up, breathtaking performances and a show rich in emotion all converge to create an unsurpassable experience. That is Art on Ice. For further information please visit [www.artonice.com](#)