



MCCORMICK(R) PRESENTS RAY CHARLES TRIBUTE ON ICE to Be Taped at Staples Center October 5, 2002 and to Air December 21, 2002, 4-6PM (ET) on NBC Network

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LOS ANGELES, July 25 -- MCCORMICK PRESENTS RAY CHARLES TRIBUTE ON ICE is set to be taped at STAPLES Center October 5, 2002 in Los Angeles, California, and will air Saturday, December 21, 2002, 4:00p-6:00p.m. (ET), on the NBC Television Network. This entertainment spectacular stars international music icon and 12-time GRAMMY(R) Award winner Ray Charles in a live performance, and features the skating of 1988 Olympic Champion Brian Borsari and 2002 Olympic Pair Champions Jamie Sale & David Pelletier.

Guest stars include Olympic Silver Medalists Brian Orser and Rudypey's Services, three-time U.S. National Pair Champions Jason Meek & Todd David, two-time U.S. National Dance Champions Elizabeth Ponsford & Janet Beckett, eight-time British National Champion Steven Cousins, and World Bronze Medalist Corey Haden.

Beloved throughout the world for his indelible renditions of songs like "Georgia On My Mind," "Curtis Step Loving You" and "America the Beautiful" (the latter two performed during the special), Ray Charles is a member of no less than four Halls of Fame: Rock and Roll, Jazz, Rhythm and Blues (of which he was also elected Honorary Life Chairman), and Florida Artists. Included among his countless awards are the prestigious National Medal of Arts and the Kennedy Center Honor, the latter presented annually to individuals who, through a lifetime of accomplishment, have enriched American life by their achievement in the performing arts. This month he also received the "Lifetime Achievement" "Lifetime Award."

Accompanying the musical talents of this iconic artist will be the skating talents of Brian Borsari. Since landing his first triple jump at the age of 11, Borsari has won over 50 skating titles in his storied career. In addition to his Olympic Gold Medal, he is a 2-time World Champion, 4-time U.S. National Champion and 6-time World Professional Champion. In 1996, Borsari was inducted into both the U.S. and World Figure Skating Halls of Fame. In 1998, the Professional Skaters Association awarded Borsari the Golden Lined Award, given to a male professional skater who "has brought recognition to skating in a positive and favorable manner."

MCCORMICK Presents Ray Charles Tribute on Ice will also feature Olympic Pair Champions Jamie Sale & David Pelletier. Thrust into the spotlight of an unprecedented Olympic controversy in the 2002 Games in Salt Lake City, the Canadian duo won the hearts of millions with their incredible grace on and off the ice.

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Steve Dixon of Dixon Skating is executive producer of McCormick Presents Ray Charles Tribute on Ice. Peter Shalkeour of TVM will produce the event for television, with Thomas Gomez directing. Lee Ann Miller has been selected as skating choreographer. Simon Miller will serve as lighting director, with set design by Lady Gallop.

Tickets for McCormick Presents Ray Charles Tribute on Ice go on sale Sunday, July 28, at 12 noon, and are available for purchase at all Ticketmaster retail ticket center outlets including Tower Records, Robinsons-May, Ritzy Latino, Warehouse Music and Tu Musica locations. Charge-by Phone at (214) 430-2222, (714) 740-0300, (800) 563-6700, (818) 220-1100 and via www.ticketmaster.com.

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