



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Skate Canada Manitoba announces their 2018 Award Winners recognizing Skaters, Coaches, Officials and Volunteer Excellence

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**WINNIPEG, MB. March 26, 2018** - Skate Canada Manitoba will be holding their annual Awards Gala evening on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre in Winnipeg Manitoba, to celebrate our award recipients. Donna Yee, Chair of Skate Canada Manitoba stated, "this is the time of the year when our organization gathers to recognize the successes of our skaters, coaches, and officials and to thank our many dedicated volunteers".



The first set of recipients were selected from nominations submitted by our members throughout the province in skater, coach and volunteer categories;

***Skate Canada Manitoba CanSkate Athlete Award*** – Lily Hammond from the Stony Mountain Skating Club

***Skate Canada Manitoba STARSkate Athlete Award*** – Emmet Dewar from the East St. Paul Figure Skating Club

***Skate Canada Manitoba CompetitiveSkate Athlete Award*** – Cecilia Howes from Skate Winnipeg

***Skate Canada Manitoba Program Assistant Award*** – Emily Gilbert from The Pas Skating Club

***Skate Canada Manitoba Volunteer Award*** – Kirsten Duguay from Carberry Skating Club & Skate Brandon

***Skate Canada Manitoba Volunteer Coach Award*** – Kelly Walker from Skate Brandon

***Skate Canada Manitoba Officials Award*** – Marj Beddall from the Beausejour Skating Club

***Skate Canada Manitoba Volunteer Award of Excellence*** – Mary Ellen McDonald from Skate Winnipeg

Several other award/bursary recipients were also announced;

***Ian Carmichael Memorial Award*** winner is Brooklyn Parker from the Morden Figure Skating Club

***Dodie Wardle Memorial Award*** winner is Sadie Graetz from Skate Winnipeg

***Manitoba Open Junior Artistic Award*** winner is David Howes from Skate Winnipeg

***Manitoba Open Senior Artistic Award*** winner is Annika Duguay from the Carberry Skating Club & Skate Brandon

***Manitoba Open Bursaries*** awarded to Shanna Yaskow from Skate Virden, Sarah Chant from Elkhorn Figure Skating Club, Cali Boychuk from Skate Winnipeg and David Howes from Skate Winnipeg

Congratulations to all our recipients for their dedication and hard work.