

## **HERTZ ARENA FIGURE SKATING COACHES**

### **Alper Ucar**

Alper graduated from Semmelweis University in Budapest, Hungary with Physical Education and Biomechanics. He coached in Europe (Holland, Sweden, and Hungary) for over 8 years. Recently he has been coaching Ice Dance at the Detroit skating club and art ice edge in Canton, Michigan. In 2018 at the Sevilla Congress Alper was appointed by the International Skating Union as an appointed Skater and Ice Dance Technical Committee member. He is an Ice Dance Athlete commissioner with active duty until 2019 World Championships. He is also a National Turkish Technical Specialist in Ice Dance and expertise in Partnering Ice Dance Pattern Dance.

With 28 years of competitive experience Alper's accomplishments include:

- Turkish National Champion in freestyle
- Balkan Champion in freestyle
- International medal winner in freestyle
- European and World Champion in freestyle

Alper converted to Ice Dance at the age of 24 and became:

- National Champion in Ice Dance
- 2011 Universiade Silver Medalist
- Numerous international medals
- European and World competitor
- 2014 Sochi Olympic winter games competitor
- 2018 Pyeong Chang Olympic winter games competitor

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Rate: \$45 -30 minutes

### **Diane Myers**

Has been teaching all phases of figure skating for 40 years. A member of both PSA CER A, and ISI Gold judge, and USFS. BS from Ohio State University. She has coached students in Moves in the Field and Freestyle from beginner thru senior level.

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Rate: \$38.00 – 30 minutes, Beginner Rate: \$24.00- 30 minutes

### **Ilya Tkachenko**

Ilya has an Associate of Science, The teacher of physical training and sports from the 2008 School of Olympic reserve – Odintsovo, Moscow region of Russia. He also holds a Bachelor of Science, State and Municipal management in 2012 from Odintsovskiy Filial Mgimo – Odintsovo, MO, Russia. He is a PSA and USFSA member and is category B certified. Ilya has been trained by Igor Shpilband, Adrienne Lenda, Marina Zoueva, Johnny Johns, Alexey Gorshkov, Sergei Petukhov, and Nikolay Morozov during his competitive training. He has performed in “Shall we Dance on ice” and “An evening with Scott Hamilton.” Ilya's coaching philosophy is to adapt to developing young skaters while helping skaters appreciate the art of figure skating. He likes to build strong connections with the skaters and their families. He specializes in young skaters, competitive skaters, and hockey players. He likes to teach all disciplines in figure skating and preparing skaters for competition. He also teaches power hockey skills to all ages and abilities. Ilya is a choreographer and coach for Pairs and Ice Dance as well.

His competitive accomplishments include:

- Russian National Team for 10 year
- Israeli National Champion for 2 years
- 3 time silver medalist at Russian Junior Championships
- Bronze medalist at Russian Junior Championship
- Bronze medalist at Junior World Championships
- Gold medalist at Junior Grand Prix Final
- 2 time bronze medalist at Russian National Championships
- 3 time bronze medalist at Senior Grand Prix series
- Silver medalist at Senior Grand Prix
- Bronze medalist at European championships (short dance)
- Ninth place at the World Championships

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## **Inna Koroleva**

Is from St. Petersburg Russia. She was a World Universidad Champion. Member of the Russian National /figure skating team and has competed internationally all over the world. 17 years of coaching/ choreography. Is PSA registered Principal star of "Holiday on Ice". Teaches beginner to advanced.  
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Rate: \$38.00 – 30 minutes

## **Ivan Dimitrov**

Ivan is a Bulgarian native and is a junior national champion in freestyle, junior Grand Prix and junior world competitor. He is a U.S. Nationals pairs skater. Ivan has 18 years of competitive experience and 14 years of coaching experience. He has coached U.S. Nationals athletes and medalists, as well as assisted in preparations for World's and Olympian competitors. Ivan also specializes in harness lessons. In addition, he specializes in power hockey and skating skills for hockey players. Ivan is a member of PSA, USFSA, and CER A rated. He enjoys working with skaters at all levels and of all ages to improve their skating skills and for the love of the sport. He is currently obtaining a degree in pre-med.  
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## **Johnny Johns**

Johnny has over 35 years of coaching experience. He is a gold medalist in figures, pairs, and ice dance. He was a National Ice Dance Champion in 1973. In both 1974 & 1975 he was the U.S. Pairs Champion. Johnny was a member of the world team from 1971-1975. He was also a featured performer with Ice Capades from 1976-1979. His professional accomplishments include:  
-Coaching National, International, World, and Olympic skaters for over 35 years  
-Coached seven U.S. National Pair Champions  
-Coach of the 1997 World Junior Pair Champions  
-Coach of the 1999 U.S. National Senior Pair Champions  
-Coach of the 2006 World & Olympic Pair Team  
-Coach of the 2007 U.S. Senior Pair Champions  
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## **Kandis Hawkins**

Has a B.A. from FGCU and is a member of PSA & USFS. She is also a CER A coach. Kandis's ratings with PSA include Certified Moves in the Field, Registered Free skating & Registered Group Instruction. She is a 4 time National Synchronized Skating Champion and a Jr. World Cup Synchronized Skating Bronze Medalist. She has been coaching for 18+ years. Her disciplines are free skating, moves in the field, synchronized and ice dance. Kandis loves to work with all ages and levels of skating.  
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Rate: \$34.00- 30 minutes

## **Karen Roppelt**

Has 30 years of coaching experience. She is a certified coach in both the United States and in Canada. In the United States she is a member of the USFS and of PSA and has her basic accreditation. In Canada she is NCCP level 2 certified.  
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## **Lauren Skaathun**

Lauren is a member of the USFSA and PSA, is certified Category A, and has over 15 years of skating experience. She attained her Senior Moves in the Field and Free Skate, earning her Senior Double Gold Medalist status and was a 7-time Regional competitor for the Upper Great Lakes and South Atlantic Regions. After moving to Florida to begin college, she later graduated with a B.S. Exercise Science degree and attained her CSCS certification. She is currently pursuing her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Nova Southeastern University. She most enjoys moves in the field, freestyle skating, power, and off-ice strength and conditioning.  
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Rate: \$30.00 - 30 minutes

## **Mandy Callaghan**

Mandy has been coaching ice skating for 31 years and has had numerous skaters attain National and International levels. She has had students win silver and bronze medals in the World Junior Championships, however she enjoys working with young skaters and developing their skating skills from the start. She has a PSA Level 10 Ranking, the highest ranking given by the Professional Skaters Association for coaches who have multiple World or Olympic Champions in any discipline. She is a USFS Member and PSA, Category A, certified figure skating coach.

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Rate: \$44.00 – 30 minutes

## **Marina Zoueva**

Marina has over 35 years of coaching experience. She is a World and Olympic coach specializing in Ice Dance, Singles, and Pairs. She is also a choreographer of Ice Dance, Singles and Pairs. Her professional accomplishments include:

-1988 & 1994 Olympic Pairs gold medalists, Ekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov

-2010 Olympic Ice Dance Gold medalists, Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir

-2010 Olympic Ice Dance silver medalists Meryl Davis and Charlie White

-2014 Olympic Ice Dance silver medalists Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir

-2018 Olympic Ice Dance Bronze medalists, Maia and Alex Shibutani

-5 Time World Champions in Pairs, Ekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov

-2 Time World Champions in Ice Dance, Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir

-2 Time World Champions in Ice Dance, Meryl Davis and Charlie White

-U.S. coach and choreographer of the year

-Canadian "Coach of Excellence" award recipient

-Russian "Merit Coach and Choreographer" award recipient

-2018 Figure Skating Hall of Fame

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Rate: \$76.00- 30 minutes

## **Marisa Miner**

Has a BS in Psychology and a MBA. She is a member of USFS, ISI, and PSA. Marisa holds a PSA Registered Rating, Free Skating USFS Gold Figure, Freestyle, Moves in the Field, and Silver Dance.

1998 Eastern Sectional Competitor – Senior Ladies.

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## **Masha Koroleva**

Born in St. Petersburg Russia and started skating when she was 2 years old. 16 years of skating experience. She was a competitor in the South Atlantic Regional competition. Earned a Silver Medal in the finals. Has completed her senior Moves in the Fields Test and has passed her Junior freestyle test. PSA Member. Masha coaches children of all ages, and levels.

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## **Suzanne Luis**

Suzanne Luis has coached figure skating for over 23 years. She works with all levels and ages to achieve their personal goals. Her students include Olympians Joannie Rochette during her professional career, and Elladj Balde from 11-17 years old, including his 2008 Canadian Junior Champion. Suzanne's goals are to create a positive training mindset, unravel mental blocks, develop presentation, and encourage healthy habits. Her accomplishments include:

Competition History: Junior Ladies Gold Medalist for Quebec 1994, Junior Ladies Eastern Divisional Gold Medalist 1994, 6<sup>th</sup> Place Canadian Nationals Junior Ladies 1994, Alternate for Canadian National Team, 1995 National Senior Ladies competitor.

Tests Passed: CFSA Gold medalist in Figures, Freestyle, Dance, and Dance Senior Competitor Test.

Professional Skating: Principle skater for Disney on Ice "Double Feature" 1995-96; Understudy skater for Disney on Ice "Beauty and the Beast" Europe & South America 1996-97; Principal skater for Ballet on Ice Montreal 2006.

Academic: CEGEP Mont Morency in Human Science; Fitness certification off-ice training for athletes - McGill University

Professional Associations & Ratings: USFS, PSA, CFSA, NCCP Level 3 Canada, USFS Category A, Certified National Level Coach.

Rates: Skating Instruction \$45/half hour,

Choreography \$50/half hour

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## **Sydney Kruszewski**

Sydney is a member of the USFSA and PSA, and has 15 years of skating experience in free skate, moves in the field, and ice dance. She competed locally in Michigan for many years. She most enjoys freestyle and ice dance. Sydney obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Florida Gulf Coast University.

Phone: 239-287-3287

Rate: \$25.00 – 30 minutes

### **Tetyana Wieberg**

Tetyana came from Ukraine. She was a member of the Ukrainian National Figure Skating Team. She skated for 6 years for the Moscow Stars on Ice with Olympic Champions Andre Bukin and Natalia Bestemianova. She worked for Disney on Ice for 3 years. She has 15 years of coaching, off ice, and choreography. She's a member of USFSA, PCA, and ISI. Her disciplines are Free Skating, Moves in the Field, and Choreography. Tetyana loves working with any age and levels of skating.

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