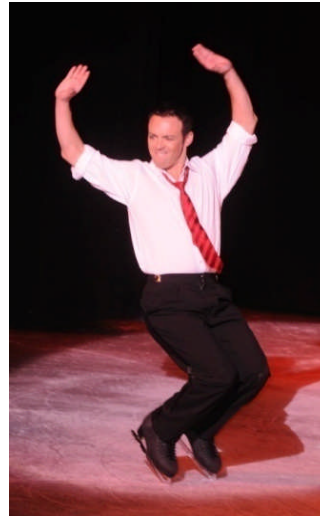
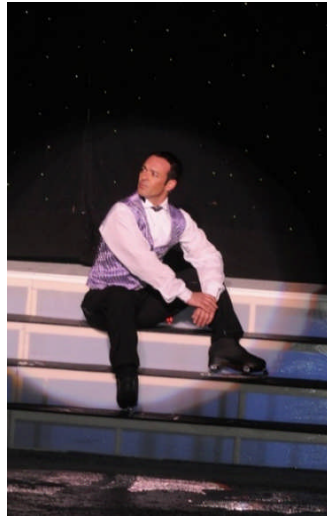




Performer & Production Staff Bios

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## Michael Chack – Principal Male Soloist

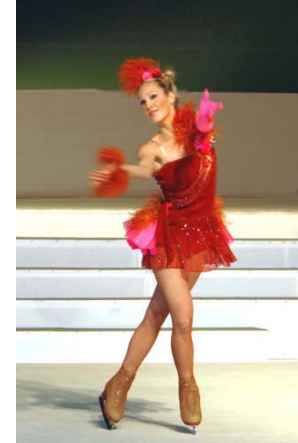
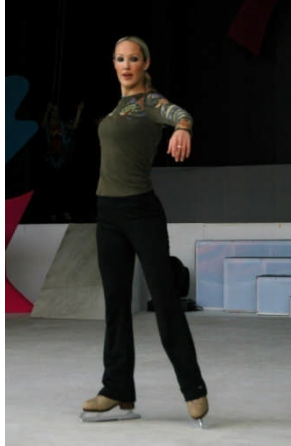


**US National Bronze Medalist**

**US National & International Team Member**

Michael, from New York, NY, started skating at the age of 5. When he was only 11 years old he moved away from home to begin training with World & Olympic Coach, Peter Burrows. His first trip to US National Championships was at the age of 15, and by 1991 was part of the National Team in the Senior Division (when he earned a 5th-place finish at US Championships). At the Skate America International Competition later that year he landed his first triple axel in competition, and in 1993 Michael was standing on the podium when he captured the country's bronze medal! For the next two seasons Michael was a US world competitor. Over Michael's competitive career he won numerous qualifying and international competitions including: the World University Games, the US Olympic Festival, the Norway International (twice), the Tropee De France, and the Nebelhorn Trophy (Germany). As a professional Michael has been a lead principal performer for "*Holiday on Ice*", "*Broadway on Ice*" (National Tour), "*Disney on Ice*" (World Tour), "*Snoopy's Endless Summer*", and "*Celebration on Ice*" (Hong Kong). Michael originated the make soloist role in *THE HOLIDAY ICE SPECTACULAR* in 2008 and is thrilled to be rejoining the show for the 3<sup>rd</sup> tour in 2012!

## Meegan McDonald – Principal Female Soloist



### **US Double Gold Medalist Performance Director & Choreographer**

Her skating began at 8 years old in Spokane Washington and she new early on this was her passion. She climbed the ladder of competitive skating and finished her competitive career as a double gold medalist at the Senior level by age 20. Meegan's professional career began with *DISNEY ON ICE* - where she enjoyed touring the world with this legendary brand for several years. Additionally as a professional, Meegan has performed in three Nancy Kerrigan television specials, *GREASE ON ICE*, *FOOTLOOSE ON ICE* and in several with Rand Productions shows in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Macau, Lake Tahoe and Dallas to name a few.

Meegan currently teaches and choreographs in Seattle, Washington. In addition to working with competitive skaters she also choreographs for special events & competitions- eg: 'Skate America' [a world competition]. Meegan is excited to be making her first appearance in Biloxi at the Beau Rivage in THE HOLIDAY ICE SPECTACULAR-- where she will also be one of the show's assistant choreographers.

## Stephanie Kuban & Jonathon Hunt – Principal Adagio Team



**US Triple Gold Medalists**  
**US National & International Team Members**



Stephanie Kuban, born in Puerto Rico, started skating at the age of nine and began skating competitively in singles. She soon found a love for pair skating and was a member of the national team at the senior level for 4 years. Stephanie turned professional at the age of 21 and has performed all over the world in principal roles as a soloist and adagio skater with Royal Caribbean on the **Freedom, Liberty and Oasis of the Seas** (worlds largest cruise ship!) Stephanie has also performed with *BROADWAY ON ICE* as well as done shows all over the Rocky Mountain region.

Being from Michigan, Jonathon Hunt, began skating almost as soon as he could walk. Over his 2 decade competitive career Jonathon reached heights that few seldom come close to---US Nation & International Team (1999-2006), Junior World Bronze Medalist (2003), US National Medalist (2004), and the list goes on! As a professional Jonathon has performed around the world, including 3 tours in Hong Kong with Rand Productions, numerous guest appearances in regional US & Canadian productions and was a featured skater for 4 seasons at Radio City Music hall in *THE CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR STARRING THE ROCKETTES*.

Earlier this summer (2012) Stephanie & Jonathon began working out together and within a few days it was clear that they had something special. Their techniques and styles were almost a perfect match! Immediately they were signed to a Principal role in *FANTASY ON ICE* in Fukui Japan (starring World & Olympic stars Johnny Weir, Stephane Lambiel & Miki Ando.) Stephanie & Jonathon are thrilled to be cast as the lead team in *THE HOLIDAY ICE SPECTACULAR* and look forward to entertaining the audiences at the Beau Rivage!



## Arturo “Art” Gil – Principal Elf “Henry” & Show Narrator



Standing at 3 foot 6, Arturo Gil was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, but was raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Art returned to New Orleans as a teen and began to pursue a career as a Disc Jockey. When disco was hot, he mixed and spun music at a popular club in the world famous French Quarter. Later he became staff volunteer at WWOZ FM producing Jazz and R&B programs and teaching new DJ's how to use the equipment.

With dreams of becoming a radio DJ in a major market, Art moved to Los Angeles in 1982. Instead, he started a film career first working on student and low budget films to gain experience. In 1986 his acting career progressed when he landed a part as one of the Dinks on Mel Brooks' "Spaceballs".

Art's career expands over two decades and he has traveled the world working on various films and commercials. He's a versatile actor and has played many different kinds of roles from mythical creatures, to aliens, to monsters, and even a drag queen in "Wasabi Tuna" starring Anna Nicole Smith. Art's other film appearances include; "Monkeybone", "Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey", "The Deported" and "Hercules Saves Christmas" starring Hercules from "Pit Boss". TV credits include "Charmed", "Ally McBeal", "The Man Show", "Passions" and "Overhaulin". Art currently stars on the popular Spanish variety TV show "Estudio 2" as Machete on the Estrella TV network.

## Casey Peterson – Principal Elf “Candy”



Casey was born and raised in Lansing, Michigan. She has had a passion for public speaking and performing since she was a child. Coming from a family of musicians, Casey started taking piano lessons from her aunt at the age of 5 and continued through high school. Casey got the ‘knack’ for speaking to large groups when in college (at Michigan State University), and became a public speaker--- primarily speaking on dwarfism and diversity to many different schools and groups.

Over the years public speaking her desire to perform (and act) intensified, and she recently had her first major break in 2011 when she was cast as a munchkin in Disney’s “Oz: The Great and Powerful”, starring James Franco and Mila Kunis, and Michelle Williams, which will be released in 2013.

Casey is currently involved in organizing the local operations for the World Dwarf Games 2013 (the Olympics for little people) that will be taking place at her Alma Mater, Michigan State University next year. She is very excited in playing this important role, with becoming an advocate for dwarf sports, which allow little people to compete with others at their same level.

She is thrilled to be performing in *THE HOLIDAY ICE SPECTACULAR*, and is thankful in being able to play a part in bringing that magic & excitement to live audiences this season.

## ENSEMBLE & SPECIALTY SKATERS



### **Gia Alteri**

Gia began her skating career at the age of 10 on synthetic ice in Florida. After falling in love with the sport she transferred to real ice and had a successful competitive run as a USA double gold medalist. She found that performing was her true love and turned professional in 2001. She has traveled the world doing shows. She began in America with Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede(Myrtle Beach), Busch Gardens(Tampa), Kings Island(Ohio), and Cypress Gardens(Florida) just to name a few. In 2008 she was in the inaugural cast of *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* Arena Tour featuring the world famous Rockettes. She then moved on to do Festival On Ice in Mexico, several shows with Holiday On Ice in Europe, and Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines.



### **Kacey Burke**

Kacey has been skating for nearly 20 years and is a US Figure Skating Double Gold Medalist in freestyle and moves and the field. She has spent time training with world renowned coaches in both Colorado Springs, Colorado and Lake Arrowhead, California. She competed for the University of Denver Figure Skating Team from 2008-2011, and graduated with a degree in Marketing in 2011. She now specializes in event, restaurant, and retail marketing. This is Kacey's first appearance with Rand Productions.



### **Pam Cunningham**

Pamela "Pam" Cunningham-a professional skater who toured the US and Canada performing in The Ice Capades, and skated in Wilma Leary Productions touring the Caribbean. Her most recent engagement was skating in *Wonderland on Ice* at Sea World in Orlando, Florida. When not touring, Pam coaches skaters of all levels in both recreational and competitive venues for ISI and USFS programs. Her memberships include Ice Skating Institute-gold rated judge, Professional Skaters Association-rated, and the United States Figure Skating Association.

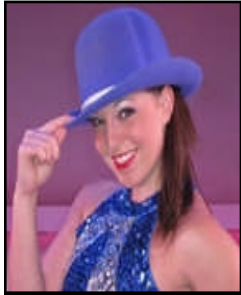


### **Elaina Chu**

Elaina began skating at the age of four in Belmont, California. She trained with two coaches throughout her career, Katherine Faynor (who skated with Shipstads & Johnson Ice Follies) and Sergei Ponomarenko (1992 Olympic Champion in Ice Dancing). After competing for 12 years she finished testing as a US Figure Skating Double Gold Medalist (Freestyle & Moves in the Field). In 2007 she took a small break from skating and graduated UC San Diego with a BA in Human Development. She returned to skating at the age of 22 as a principle skater with Royal Caribbean. The Holiday Ice Spectacular is Elaina's first show with Rand Productions.

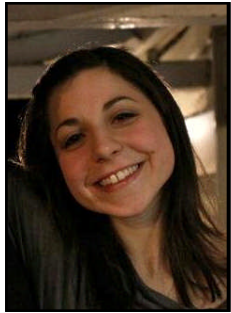


## FEMALE ENSEMBLE & SPECIALTY SKATERS



### **Samantha Delgado**

Samantha was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. She is a USFSA double gold medalist in moves and freestyle. She is also a five time Eastern Great Lakes Regional medalist. While performing in her home skating club's ice show for ten years Samantha discovered that performing is her passion. Starting her professional skating career with Disney on Ice (4 years world tour), then as an ensemble skater in Snoopy's Endless Summer (Charlotte, NC) She has also skated along side Olympic gold medalist Evan Lysacek and Olympic silver medalists Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto in their holiday benefit show in Detroit. MI.



### **Michelle Panagakos**

Michelle is from New Jersey and began skating at the age of 6. She is a U.S. Figure Skating Association double gold medalist in freestyle and moves in the field. She competed in the 2002 U.S. Junior National Championship (Intermediate Ladies) and 2007 Eastern Sectional Championship (Junior Ladies). She appeared as a figure skater in the TV show "What Not To Wear" on TLC in the episode "Carly". Michelle graduated from Ramapo College of New Jersey in 2012 with a major in digital filmmaking and a minor in music. *The Holiday Ice Spectacular* with Rand Productions is Michelle's first ice show.

## MALE ENSEMBLE & SPECIALTY SKATERS



### **Greg Bonine**

Greg began his performing career in New Orleans and was picked up by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet while still a teenager. He moved to Canada to dance with the company and then later was signed as a principal artist along with his skating partner Karyl Kawaichi with the touring company of Ice Capades. Greg has skated with Olympic Champions, Dorothy Hamill in her production of "Cinderella On Ice", Scott Hamilton in "Broadway On Ice", Jane Torvill and Christopher Dean, John Curry "Festival on Ice" and Randy Gardner just to name a few. He has been a principal adagio skater for several television specials and even skated in the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular with Rockettes in both New York and Los Angeles Premier. Greg has also settled down back in New Orleans where he teaches theater for the Gifted and Talented Program of Jefferson Parish. He is a proud member of AEA, I.A.T.S.E, AFTRA and AGVA.



## MALE ENSEMBLE & SPECIALTY SKATERS



### **Jamie Burns**

Jamie was born and bred in Lancashire, England, where he started ice skating at age 7. He completed the British test structure, whilst becoming British ice dance bronze medalist and British Junior solo ice dance champion. Jamie graduated from Blackburn Sixth Form College, England with qualifications in dance, performing arts, physical education and politics. The college presented him with excellence in dance and sport awards. Jamie had dreamed of living in the USA since childhood and moved when given the chance to further his ice skating career. Training in Pennsylvania, he won gold medals at Skate San Francisco, Cherry Blossom Open and the Welsh Open Championships. Turning to shows, Jamie has performed on board Color Line cruise ship in Norway, Holiday On Ice and Snoopy's Big Bow Wow. He is thrilled to perform in the Holiday Ice Spectacular for the first time.



### **Karel Nekola**

Karel was born in the Czech Republic and began skating at the age of 7. He won both the junior and senior men's national titles for his home country, and he went on to compete at both the European and World Championships. In 2001 Karel turned professional and since then he performed for leading production companies around the world--- eg: Holiday on Ice, Spotlight Production (Germany), Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines (Worldwide) and Rand Enterprises & Productions (Las Vegas, Hong Kong, Japan, China). This will be Karel's first visit to Biloxi, MS where he is thrilled to be joining the cast of The Holiday Ice Spectacular!



### **Michael Skulstad**

Michael, an indigenous Alaskan native of the Aleut tribe, began his skating journey at the young age of 12 years old where his successful amateur career lead him to the U.S. Jr. Nationals. His training included both World & Olympic Coaches, Utako Nagamitsu & Takeshi Honda as he trained along side Japan's Daisuke Takahashi in Osaka, Japan. The cast of *Disney's High School Musical*, the Ice Tour, Disneyland Adventure & *Holiday on Ice* highlight his professional career across North America, Asia & Europe. He has performed in shows with *Johnny Weir* in the Australian Harbor Town Christmas Show. Michael is very passionate about the art of skating and performance and hopes to continue sharing his love of performing to audiences across the world.



## Jeb K. Rand – Executive Producer, Creator & Director



Jeb K. Rand, President and Executive Producer of Rand Productions, Inc and Family Entertainment, LLC has been involved in figure skating for over 30 years. During this time he achieved exceptional successes as a skating producer/director and professional performer.

Jeb and his long time skating partner and wife, Jennifer, were nationally ranked pairs figure skaters for the United States (1986-1989). As professionals their career spanned over 15 years with principal roles in the *Ice Capades*, *Disney on Ice* and *Stars on Ice* [European Tour]. From 1998 – 2005 Jeb & Jennifer were the lead ice skaters at Radio City Music Hall (in New York City) in *The Christmas Spectacular starring the world famous Rockette's*.

Since 1998 Jeb has created, produced and/or directed dozens of ice shows around the world including star-studded television specials such as *Christmas on Ice* in Torino, Italy starring Andrea Bocelli and Olympic Champion, Evgeny Plushenko, *The Opening of the Rink at Rockefeller Center*, and *The Golden Skate Awards* which annually honors the top ranked figure skaters around the world. Additionally Jeb has produced ice skating shows or scenes for ABC's *Extreme Makeover* and *Masters of Champions*, Fox's *Louis Guzman Show*, MTV's *Music Awards* as well as numerous cable and regional television specials. Live show productions include *Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede* (Branson, Myrtle Beach, Pigeon Forge and Orlando), *Bright Lights on Ice* and *Ice Carnivale* in Las Vegas, *Figure Skating's Best* in Italy, *Ice Mystique*, *Spellbound on Ice*, and *The Ice Spectacular* at Ocean Park, Hong Kong, as well as corporate events for Monte Blanc, Georgia Pacific, Walmart and Bristol-Myers-Squibb. For more info [www.randproductions.com](http://www.randproductions.com)



## Billy Chapel – Choreographer (Original)

Billy Chapel was a US World & International Team Member, A US triple gold medalist and a Canadian double gold medalist. He was the male star of Ice Capades for 8 years and was featured in numerous TV specials. Billy and his partner, Peter Gordon, created and produced shows in dozens of cities around the world. Most notably was in Las Vegas where *FIRE & ICE* and *ICE SEDUCTION* played at the Hacienda and Sahara respectively for over 10 years.

As a choreographer, Billy has worked with National, World and Olympic competitors from 6 different countries. He saw 4 of his students win World or Olympic medals. In the ice show industry Billy choreographed for most of the largest ice show companies in the figure skating business, including Ice Capades, Disney on Ice , Willy Bietak Productions, Advanced Entertainment Group and Rand Productions. From the late 90s until 2009, Billy choreographed primarily for Jeb Rand of Rand Productions. All together they teamed up for 28 productions ranging from star-studded TV productions, to casino extravaganzas , to theme park productions like never seen before.

In 2007 Billy 'iced' the first version of *THE HOLIDAY ICE SPECTACULAR* in Hong Kong and in 2008 he helped Jeb transform the show into a full scale theatrical production (in Reno, NV at the Eldorado Hotel & Casino). Sadly, we lost Billy in 2009, but his memory, energy and brilliance lives on through his choreography.

Note: In 2012 Principals Michael Chack and Meegan McDonald will restage Billy's wonderful choreography and as well as add their own touches and new creations to Billy's original work and vision.

## Cube Décor Workshop – Costumes

Cube Décor Workshop is a world renowned costume & mascot design, fabrication and manufacturing company based in Hong Kong. They have been creating award winning costumes, props, mascots and scenic wagons since 1995. Their client list reads like a “who’s who” in the first class theme park, circus\cirque and special attractions world(s), but due to privacy agreements with these well known clients their lists cannot be disclosed in an open forum. However if anyone has been to a leading theme park in Asia, Europe or the USA and\or seen a well known ‘circus-type’ of production in Las Vegas, Macau, etc., you have seen Cube Décor’s work!

In 2005 Rand Productions introduced the world of figure skating to the Cube Décor Workshop and since then they have designed & built several full-scale ice productions (in Asia and the USA). Included are *SPELLBOUND ON ICE*, *ICE MYSTIQUE*, *ICE ODDESY* and *THE HOLIDAY ICE SPECTACULAR*.





## **Viking Ice** – Portable Synthetic Ice Engineering



Radio City Music Hall – New York City



Ocean Park – Hong Kong



Venetian Hotel – Las Vegas

Since its inception in North America in 1985, technological advances in synthetic ice have changed the face of skating, creating opportunities for every facet of the sport and becoming a widely-accepted, cost-efficient alternative to traditional real ice rinks. This holds true in the entertainment area of figure skating as well.

Riding the crest of this wave of acceptance is Viking Ice--- the recognized leader in the field of synthetic ice. Working with its team of skilled technologists, chemists and engineers, Viking Ice has perfected the synthetic skating panel to a level now considered to be the best alternative skating surface in the world.

Through a long term exclusive distributor deal between Viking Ice and Rand Productions for the world-wide entertainment rights to Viking Ice (since 2001), synthetic ice has been seen on dozen of TV shows, theatrical productions, public skating areas, cruise ships---- and even on a moving float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! For more information on Viking ice please visit [www.vikingice.com](http://www.vikingice.com)