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NEXXICE Senior claims Top Prize at International event in London

(London, Ontario, December 29, 2011) NEXXICE, Canada's 2009 World Champion Senior synchronized skating team, earned top spot in the London Ontario "Synchro in the City" International ISU 2011 event last night. The event hosted 8 teams from around the world competing for \$50,000 in prize money.

In a breath-taking program laced with the highest degree of technical difficulty in the event, the NEXXICE team of skaters pulled off a clean, sharp program that had the audience on their feet. Five time Canadian champions Nexxice, fourth after the short program, earned top prize winning first prize of \$15,500 with a total score of 185.15.

The NEXXICE Senior team, coached by Shelley Simonton Barnett, with technical coordination from Anne Schelter, competes at the highest level for synchronized skating. Coach Shelley Simonton Barnett enthused about the team, "Both Anne and I are incredibly proud of each and every one of our NEXXICE skaters. This is a tremendous start to the competitive skating season. Thanks to the City of London, Freedom 55 and Skate Canada for organizing this exceptional International event."

"Coming out of the event after the short program on Wednesday night our skaters were really disappointed with an announced fifth placement" stated ecstatic Simonton Barnett following the win. After the team went back to the hotel in their disheartened state, they found out they had been upgraded to fourth when the judges spotted an error in the marking. "I think this win will be very motivation to the team and our Club. The skaters made a lot of sacrifices coming into this competition with non-stop practices through the exam and holiday season. Many of our skaters are relatively new to Senior and we continue to build their abilities and focus on their strengths."

Final results

Short program, free program scores in parentheses

1. Nexxice, Canada, 185.15 points (57.29, 127.86); 2. Haydenettes, U.S., 175.44 (61.02, 114.42); 3. Rockettes, Finland, 174.05 (59.83, 114.22); 4. Paradise, Russia, 160.92 (60.83, 100.09); 5. Les Supremes, Canada, 153.76 (55.20, 98.56); 6. Crystallettes, U.S., 142.51 (43.91, 98.60); 7. Jingu Ice Messengers Grace, Japan, 118.03 (41.10, 76.93); 8. Fusion, Canada, 112.07 (37.67, 74.40)

NEXXICE Senior was founded in 2000. NEXXICE Junior and Open teams were formed in 2005. In 2011, the NEXXICE family of teams expanded to include Intermediate, Novice and Juvenile teams.

Pronounced nexus or nek' ses, the name was chosen because of its meaning “a common bond or connection between a system or group of people.”

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