

The Broadmoor: The New Frontier

By Phillip Mills

As competitive figure skaters around the world begin to prepare for the 2015 – 2016 competition season, Tom Zakrajsek (www.coachtomz.com) and his skaters got an early jump on the upcoming season. For me going back to choreograph at the Broadmoor again was like an old home week after spending 4 years there as the choreographer who worked hand-in-hand with Carlo Fassi and all of our skaters.

The World Arena is home to The Broadmoor Skating Club which has produced more than 50 national champions including 24 U.S. Senior Champions, 6 World Champions, 5 World Jr. Champions and 5 World Professional Champions. With two wonderful sheets of ice and freestyle sessions available almost the entire day, it is a choreographer's dream to have so much time to devote to each skater while crafting their programs.

Having the opportunity to work intently with Max Arron is a unique and pleasurable experience. Max and I have formulated a tight plan for our upcoming second season together. We will continue our efforts while developing his new programs for the 2016 – 2017 season focusing on further refinement of pure classical lines and enhancing his skating skills with a renewed focus.

You will see in the slide show that I had the great opportunity to also work with several other skaters at the World Arena including senior lady, Yu Miao, and Junior national and international competitor Chase Belmontes, and Senior lady Angela Wang. This wonderful gift of time, spending multiple visits with each of these skaters, allows us to dig deep and to create unique choreography with intent that reflects each skater's personality, highlighting their skills and enveloping their music selection.