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Co-Created by Jennifer K Penton & Jeb K Rand

A NEW ANIMATED SERIES TEACHING LIFE LESSONS



LOG LINE

A group of uniquely different ice skaters learn life lessons and find adventure through their daily ice rink interactions, frozen fantasy journeys and skating escapades.

DEMOGRAPHIC

Girls and boys 4-9 years old.

PLOT

The Ice Life features the adventures of a young group of skaters who live, work and play around an international training center. In each episode, the characters are faced with challenges ranging from their daily training to dealing with the stresses of everyday social and family life. Occasionally, they are also whisked into frozen worlds of fantasy. Their many experiences ultimately teach them endless life lessons that are familiar to us all.

SETTING

The Ice Life take place in and around a world training center run by the Miller family, The Ice Life's multi-generational family, with a multitude of characters from various cultures. The show will also tour both the country and the world providing exciting adventures and learning experiences.

UNIQUENESS OF CONCEPT

The show is delivered through an extremely popular and unique medium, ice skating, which is utilized as the vehicle to deliver the stories. American families will relate to the subject matter explored due to the likeness and similarities that exist within their own family lives and activities. Episodes are inspired by co-creator, Jeb K. Rand, and his incredible 30+ year career as a US National Figure Skating Team Member and leading Broadway performer.



CHARACTERS

As a group, the show's characters are as different as snowflakes...

Jacob and Emily Miller come from a typical dysfunctional home with an over-supportive mother, an overly critical father, as well as a long winded, yarn spinning grandfather. Penelope Sykes is a child star and future ice show diva. Next, we include Hunter Mulligan, a self-elected winner to the mix, along with creative brainiac, Tami Wong, hyperactive/accident-prone skater, Jimmy Spazolli, and an eclectic group of skating coaches and parents --- and we have a strange, but somehow perfect match of snowflakes --- all enjoying *The Ice Life*!



The ICE Life



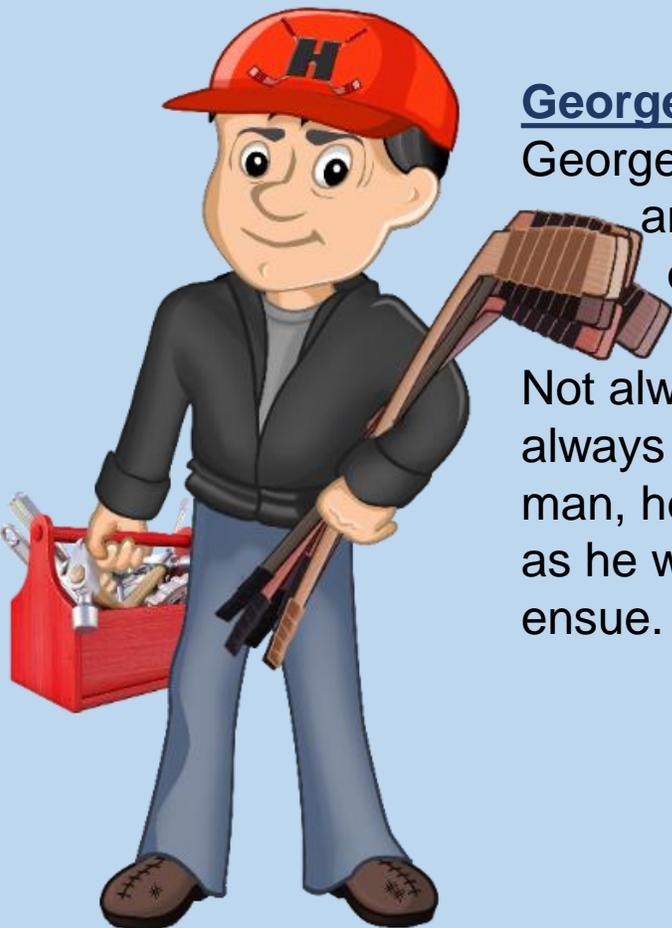
Emily Miller: Co-Protagonist/Hero— Emily is Jacob’s younger sister. She is talented in every sport in which she participates, and she is proud to acclaim that she enjoys playing hockey as much as figure skating. She is warm-hearted and finds good in everyone, but if you cross her she is quick to protect herself and her friends alike! Ultimately, Emily is compassionate and generous to all, yet vulnerable to being exploited. She is endlessly supportive to all and is helpful at home with her mother and new baby brother.



Jacob Miller: Co-Protagonist/Hero – Jacob is charismatic and always eager for the next adventure. He exemplifies the term “showman,” yet lags behind in technical skills - - having to work harder than the rest in order to achieve the same results. He is a friend to everyone and always goes out of his way to help others. Jacob sometimes makes bad choices, but ultimately finds the right path. He is the undeniable leader of the “rink rats” and is the glue that holds the group together. Jacob embodies the true meaning of the word dedication.



Dee Dee Miller: Dee Dee is the proverbial soccer mom who tends to see things through rose-colored glasses. She and her husband, George, own the International Skate center and she's the real manager of the venue, the responsible one who keeps things organized, pays the bills and keeps everyone on the straight and narrow. She is sometimes a little too optimistic, which occasionally gets her and George in trouble.



George Miller:

George is a former professional hockey player and a very traditional father not always up on the latest trends of today's youth and the different roles they sometimes play. Not always good at showing his emotions, he is always well-intentioned. The facilities fix-it man, he is not nearly as good with the wrench as he was with the stick in his day - hilarity will ensue.



Penelope Sykes: Lead female – Penelope is an up-and-coming skating star and the daughter of a former *Ice Capades* icon and a Puerto Rican skating champion. She has accomplished more at a young age than most others have in a lifetime. Penelope is a dual, USA and Puerto Rico, National Team Member and has performed in a series of well-known TV commercials (in both English and Spanish) -- exhibiting her grace and beauty on the ice. She is expected by all to win every competition she enters, yet her biggest competitor is always herself. She wants to be liked by all, but her attitude and actions often get in the way. Her stressful family and skating life is only overshadowed by her challenging relationship with her overbearing coach, Irena Kruchenov.



Hunter Mulligan: Antagonist – Hunter is a hockey player through-and-through. He comes from a long line of authoritarian sports figures where nothing less than perfection is accepted. On the outside, Hunter is a self-centered overconfident bully, especially when he is in the company of his hockey buddies and family. However, there is a softer side to Hunter just trying to be set free, as he struggles with the stereotypes that exist between hockey players and figure skaters.

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Tami Wong: Supporting female – Tami is the self-appointed creative brainiac nerd of figure skating. At age ten, she is already president of the high school math club. She maintains a straight “A” GPA in school, plays several musical instruments, designs and sews her own skating costumes, and is always calculating the numerical odds of any situation (e.g., the speed necessary to achieve the proper height to land a jump).



Jimmy Spazelli: Jimmy is a comedic spaz--- the class clown of the rink, both on and off the ice. He is friendly, fast spoken and often acts before he thinks. His heart is always in the right place, but his actions often cause as much trouble as happiness for the group. He epitomizes the phrase, ‘never give up’, because he is constantly falling all over the ice and rarely seems to land his jumps when it really counts.



Papa “Slapshot” Miller: The grandfather, Papa “Slapshot” Miller, also is a former hockey great, though he never played professionally because he was drafted to the Vietnam War. He is always quick to teach a charming life lesson through a war story or tale of the missed opportunity within his hockey career.

SUPPORTING CHARACTERS

Irena Kruchanov– Irena is a figure skating coach and former Olympic Champion from the Soviet Union. She seldom smiles, rarely offers words of encouragement and/or demonstrates any level of affection.

Chuck Dabney– The all-American skating coach who teaches both figure skating and hockey. He is a big brother type and confidante to all -- skaters and parents alike.

Jered Turner– Jered is a sweet, soft spoken and creative African American skater. Jered is much more about the artistry of figure skating than the technical side of the sport. He never feels like he fits in with the other kids at the rink or in society, but he always hopes he will be part of the group.

Horris Jones– Hunter’s sidekick / hockey player tough-guy friend.



EPISODES

Each episode is presented in a narrative format delivered from the perspective of heroes, Emily and Jacob Miller. As the show begins, Emily and/or Jacob delivers a short monologue about the episode's theme. Each continues with interjections as necessary throughout the story, and each episode concludes with a wrap-up thought (aka - a clear message or lesson, similar to *The Wonder Years*).

Pilot / Episode 1 – The Ice Life - Skating is My Normal

Jacob and Emily are faced with the conundrum, “what is normal?” when they are teased by Hunter Mulligan and others about their lives being so non-conforming. While witnessing all of the other skaters and families at the rink, they come to the realization that the only similarities in everyone's lives are their dissimilarities. At the end of the day they conclude that everyone has their own “normal” ---- and that is the ONLY NORMAL that counts.

Episode 2 – Never Give Up

Emily and Crystal are having trouble preparing for an upcoming competition that Penelope is expected to win. They both continually fall on the ice and fail to complete ‘clean’ programs during their practice sessions. Jacob and Slapstick come to the rescue with a plan, so that nobody quits – regardless of the expected competition results. Meanwhile, Hunter is in the background learning from Slapstick as well, since he is facing similar challenges with his hockey training, but will not ask for help.

Episode 3 – Bullies Come in all Cultures

Hunter and Penelope are humored by the cultural differences the guest figure skaters and hockey players possess, while attending the international training program at the rink. Their poking fun and loud jokes (about such things as the skater's accents, clothes they are wearing, and even the way they eat), become hurtful to the foreign skaters. Jacob and Emily team up with the rink guests to show Hunter and Penelope how upsetting it can be when you are left out and are the brunt of a joke.

Episode 4 – The Wizard of Ice (Dream/Fantasy episode)

Emily has a difficult day at the rink and dreams in the style of *The Wizard of Oz*, in which each of the rink characters becomes one of the personalities in the fantasy. The setting is a world of ice, where Emily becomes a Dorothy-like character, Penelope is an vindictive witch-like skater, Jacob, Jered and Hunter become the scarecrow, tinman and lion respectively, Crystal calculates her way to being the good witch, while Slapstick is the great wizard of the ice world who helps them find their way home...!



GUEST STARS (Examples)

The show is built to be wide open for Olympic guest star participation from countries around the world. Below are just a few examples, and the potential number of famous skaters is endless and ever-changing:



EVGENI PLUSHENKO
RUSSIA
World & Olympic Champion



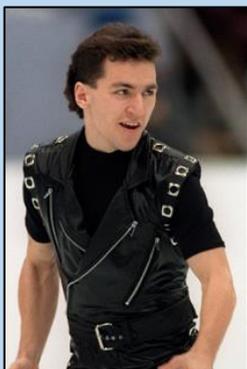
JOHNNY WEIR
USA
World & Olympic Medalist



OKSANA BAIUL
UKRAINE
World & Olympic Champion



SHIZUKA ARAKAWA
JAPAN
Olympic Champion



ELVIS STOJKO
CANADA
World Champion
Olympic Medalist



SURYA BONALY
FRANCE
European Champion
Olympic Medalist



SHOW CREATORS & EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS

Jennifer K Penton

Author/Illustrator and Adjunct Professor of Cinema/Media Arts, who teaches at Los Angeles Valley College, Los Angeles City College and New York Film Academy. Jennifer has a Bachelor's Degree in English and Creative Writing from UCLA and a Master's Degree in Film with an emphasis in Experimental Animation from California Institute of the Arts (CalArts) in Valencia, California. Jennifer has worked at Warner Brothers, Klaspy Csupo, and Yahoo! and has worked on special projects for Disney. She has also co-written and illustrated four children's picture books and worked with many independent filmmakers as an animator, editor, and web developer.

Jeb K Rand

Creator/Producer/Director of figure skating events, Olympic and X-Games sport productions, and Broadway-style theatrical shows worldwide. A former US Figure Skating Team Member and 15 year professional performer with *Disney on Ice*, *Ice Capades*, and Radio City Music Hall's *Rockette Spectacular*. Professionally, Jeb has produced and directed shows and events for MGM International, Caesar's/Harrah's Entertainment, Venetian/Sands Worldwide, Dolly Parton live productions, *Stars on Ice*, *Celebration on Ice*, *The Golden Skate Awards*, Six Flags, Kings Parks, Ocean Park (Hong Kong), The Ford Motor Company, Mont Blanc, Georgia-Pacific, the IOC (International Olympic Committee) and foreign TV networks, EuroSport, ITV, Sky-Sport, NHK, CTV, Praha1. For more information about Jeb Rand and his production company please visit www.randproductions.com.



CO-EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

Joe Goyette

Joe Goyette has been involved in the animation business since he was 12 years old doing voiceover for a Charlie Brown TV Special. Fast forward to current day and he is producing a wide array of animation from the legendary comedy, *The Simpsons*, to the action/horror movies of Electronic Arts, *The Dead Space Series* and *Dante's Inferno*.

Joe consistently finds the newest technologies and talented studios to fit with each of his projects. On recent projects, he has found ways to integrate animation that is full CGI, animation that blends both methods of CGI and traditional 2D, as well as straight traditional 2D hand-drawn animation. Jumping into other technologies, Joe has supervised the Stereoscopic Conversion of the feature *Hoodwinked 2*. Whatever the project demands, Joe is on top of the technology that is best suited to execute that project.

Joe has worked with clients and producers of some of the most exciting entertainment in recent years, such as Gracie Films (*The Simpsons*), Electronic Arts (*Dead Space*, *Mass Effect*), Warner Bros. (*Tom and Jerry*) and Todd McFarlane (*Spawn*). Currently, he is developing and consulting on several projects from TV Animation and CG Animation to various special effects-driven live action projects.