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Peter Burrows elected posthumously to U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (Dec. 15, 2016) – Olympic and World coach Peter Burrows has been elected posthumously to the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame Class of 2017.

"We are very pleased with the election of Peter Burrows to the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame," said Dr. Larry Mondschein, the hall's nominating committee chair. "Mr. Burrows will always be known for his love of teaching skaters at all levels and abilities. His legacy continues to live on in his former pupils who have gone on to successful coaching careers."

Burrows, who died in 2014 at age 75, was a coaching fixture in the New York metropolitan area for more than 50 years. He was the primary coach for 1982 World champion Elaine Zayak and 1997-98 U.S. pairs champions Kyoko Ina and Jason Dungjen. In 1976, Burrows worked with Dorothy Hamill prior to the Innsbruck Olympics. Although Carlo Fassi was her coach, Hamill wrote in her autobiography that Burrows played a key role in her Olympic championship.

Burrows coached at Sport-O-Rama in Monsey, New York, where he was the executive director of figure skating for more than 35 years. He also operated the Peter Burrows Skating Center at Iceland in New Hyde Park for 19 years.

As the lone inductee to the U.S. Hall of Fame Class of 2017, his induction into the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame will be celebrated at the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in San Jose.

The U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame was established in 1976 to honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of figure skating in the United States.

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