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## **Canadian Champion Dance Pair to Open Feb Fest!**

Downtown Kingston! is very proud to announce that national champions, Vanessa Crone and Paul Poirier, crowned last night at the Canadian Championships in Victoria, British Columbia, will perform to kick off Feb Fest, Kingston's premier winter festival!

The **Imagination on Ice** figure skating show is set for the evening of Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will begin immediately following the Opening Ceremonies which are scheduled for 6:40pm. As well as what is sure to be a show-stopping performance by Crone & Poirier, each of the area skating clubs will showcase a selection of their young talent in this event.

"This is great for Feb Fest. To have Canada's number one dance pair in the show is fantastic," says Feb Fest organizer Laura Meggs. "It's nice to have some of Canada's best competitors back in Kingston. After winning the Skate Canada international title here in Kingston this past October we are thrilled to have them back. If you missed them at the K-Rock Centre were giving you a second chance to see them live."

Crone and Poirier have been skating together since 2001. Before that Poirier was a successful single skater, winning the 2008 National Junior silver medal and competing in the 2008/2009 Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series. He was ranked 11th at 2009 Nationals (senior level). Crone was also a successful single skater in her own right, finishing 13th at the 2008 Junior Nationals. Together they've become one of the most talented Canadian pairs on tour.

This Imagination on Ice show is made possible by a generous grant from Celebrate Ontario at the Ministry of Tourism as well as support from Kingston Accommodation Partners.

Plan now to get to Springer Market Square early for a good seat! Feb Fest runs from February 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>.

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