

Gary F. Jones



A native of Syracuse, NY, Gary Jones is a quadruple Gold Medalist, having earned Gold Medals in figures (which have been replaced by moves in the field) and freestyle in both the United States and Canada. He has trained in Syracuse, Lake Placid and New York City.

As an amateur, Gary was a Senior National Competitor, North Atlantic Junior Men's Champion, Middle Atlantic Junior Men's Champion and Junior Men's Champion at the Annual Lake Placid Freestyle Competition. Gary also worked in pairs with his first partner being fashion designer Vera Wang.

As a performing professional he skated with Ice Capades as a principal performer and understudy, partnering such stars as Olympic Champion Dorothy Hamill and US Pairs Champion JoJo Starbuck. He and adagio partner Judy Roof-Neiman, starred in numerous shows in the United States and abroad, including South Africa, Japan, Las Vegas, Reno and Puerto Rico.

Gary has studied with Gus Lussi, Peter Dunfield and other top coaches in the country. He has worked the last 20 years at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid under the direction of Tommy Litz (Freestyle winner at the 1964 Olympics in Innsbruck).

Since coaching over the last 22 years, Gary has coached many skaters on preliminary through 8th figures tests (senior moves in the field), and pre-preliminary through gold freestyle test levels. Among Gary students was Shelby Lyons, 1996 US Junior Ladies' Champion and Silver medalist in Senior Pairs with her partner, Brian Wells. While training in Colorado Springs she was named 1st alternate to the 1998 Olympic team. Other students of Garys' have won Regional and Sectional Competitions, and gone on to compete at the National level.

Gary is a longtime member of the Professional Skaters Association (PSA) and has served on its Performing Professionals Committee. He still attends numerous PSA seminars taught by Robin Cousins, Frank Carroll, and JoJo Starbuck, among others.

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