

Finnish Figure Skating Association September 15, 2011

### **Olympic gold medalists attends Finlandia Trophy**

The international Figure Skating competition Finlandia Trophy will be organized for the 16<sup>th</sup> time at Valtti Areena in Vantaa Finland during October 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. The increasingly popular event is an important opening competition for many top skaters preparing for the season.

In the Ice Dance competition the attention will be focused on the olympic and world champions Canada's Tessa Virtue-Scot Moir. In Vantaa Canadians will face the Americans Maia Shibutani-Alex Shibutani who placed third at the World Championships in Moscow last season. Finnish couples at Finlandia Trophy will be Olesia Karmi-Max Lindholm who attended junior World's last season and finnish candidates in European Championships 2011 Henna Lindholm-Ossi Kanervo.

In the ladies competition the reigning European bronze medalist Finland's Kiira Korpi and young challengers Alisa Mikonsaari, Beata Papp and Juulia Turkkila will face among the others Japan's Fumie Suguri, the silver medalist in World Championships and fourth in Olympic Games in 2006.

In Men's event will be seen such as Russian's Artem Borodulin and Sergey Voronov and in addition to junior world bronze medalist Sweden's Alexander Majorov and his team mate Adrian Schultheiss. Finland will be represented by the team of young skaters Julian Lagus and Matthias Versluis who are participating for the first time in Men's event and Bela Papp and Valtter Virtanen.

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#### **Tentative schedule:**

##### Friday, October 7

17.00-19.35 Short Program, Men  
19.55-22.00 Ice Dance, Short Dance

##### Saturday, October 8

15.30-17.45 Short Program, Ladies  
18.10-21.10 Free Skating, Men

##### Sunday, October 9

12.00 - 14.20 Free Dance, Ice Dance  
14.40 - 17.10 Free Skating, Ladies

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