



Violetta Afanasieva - Coaching Resume

About

Born into a figure skating family in Moscow, Russia, Violetta trained and competed for Moscow's figure skating club "Lokomotiv". By the age of eleven she was competing nationally. A year later she retired from amateur figure skating to join the Moscow Circus on Ice with her family. At 14, Afanasieva debuted her hula-hoops act in Russia. She began skating with Holiday on Ice, where she met her future pairs partner and future husband, Pete Dack — a Canadian ice skater. The two have gone on to win the first-ever World Extreme Figure Skating Championship in 2006, and have toured in Canada, Europe, South Africa and South America, in shows such as Celebration on Ice (Canada), Stars on Ice (Europe), Art on Ice (Europe), have been a part of Eugeni Plushenko's, Philippe Candeloro, Katarina Witt's tours and Holiday on Ice (Europe, Asia, South Africa). In 2014 - 2015 Violetta and Pete headlined "Blades on Stage", a Mirvish production on the stage of Princess of Wales Theatre in Toronto. For 5 seasons, Violetta was paired up with NHL hockey player for the CBC hit TV show "Battle of the Blades".

Currently, she still perform at figure skating shows and galas.

Coaching experience

- 2015-2020 Thornhil Figure Skating Club (Competitive and StarSkate)
- 2020- 2023 Artistic Director and coach with Skate Muskoka
- Experienced and comfortable in the following areas:
 - Choreography
 - Edge Class
 - Spins
 - Artistic
 - Ice Theater
 - Pairs
 - CanSkate
 - StarSkate, CompetitiveSkate and AdultSkate
 - Off-Ice including active stretch, yoga, conditioning, plyometrics
- Have had Provincial Champions in the following categories:
 - Singles
 - Artistic

Accomplishments

- Russian Master of Sport Candidate (Nationally ranked skater)
- World Champion at 2006 Extreme Ice Skating World Championship St. Petersburg, Russia with partner Pete Dack
- Silver Medalist at 2001 American Open Professional Figure Skating Championship - Philadelphia, USA with partner Pete Dack

Skate Canada NCCP certification

- Provincial and National Coach Trained

Education

- 2012 Digital Arts Technology Training Institute, Sydney, NS - Graphic Design Diploma
- 2010 Digital Arts Technology Training Institute, Sydney, NS - Web Design Diploma

Career objective

To share her passion and knowledge of our sport, to help young athletes achieve their best in figure skating and mostly inspire them throughout their journey, so regardless of the length of their involvement in the sport, they are left with great memories of this experience. Heart and passion are the most effective driven factors of sport and life.

Key Skills

- 38 years of continued involvement in figure skating
- Strong work ethics & 100% devotion to every task at hand
- High emphasis on aesthetics of figure skating while concentrating on consistent technique
- Great knowledge and understanding of presentation, skating style, music expression and performance
- Works well in a team environment and enjoys collaborations
- Off-Ice Training: Figure Skating specific; Core, Pyometrics Training, Flexibility, Yoga

Languages

- Russian and English