



Press Release

Local Ice Dancing Brother & Sister Team Remain on Top Winning Impressive Fifth Consecutive Gold Medal

-Dominating Midwest Sectional Dance Championships-

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY...November 21, 2016-- Ice Dancing Journey.com is proud to announce that local ice dancing team and 2015 US Figure Skating Intermediate Dance Champions, Christopher and Sophia Elder, brought home their fifth consecutive Gold Medal for their outstanding performance at the 2017 Midwestern Sectional Championships on November 18, 2016.

Christopher Elder (15 years old) and Sophia Elder (13 years old) returned to the Midwestern Sectionals for the fifth year in a row and dominated all legs of the competition to win the Gold Medal. Their score of 101.91 was nearly 11.42 points ahead of the second place team. Their program was skated to a medley of Masquerade Waltz by Aram Khachatwian and was choreographed by LSA coach Kelley Morris-Adair. The team is coached by Kelley and her husband Donny Adair, a former U.S. Dance Champion. The Elders train at the Louisville Skating Academy.

In conjunction with their winning performances, Team Elder has been honored as selected members of the "Athlete High Performance Development Pool" (AHPDP) for the 2016-17 competition season. The Athlete High Performance Development Pool is a new initiative created to provide opportunities for identified athletes who have not met the criteria to be in the International Selection Pool (ISP), but show the ability to represent Team USA in the future.

"Donny and I are extremely pleased with Sophie and Christopher's performances in Colorado. Competing in altitude can be intimidating and challenging but they were very prepared and competed with great energy. We look forward to a successful week at the US National Championships in Kansas City," states coach Kelley Adair.

The US Championship qualifying events include three sectionals: Midwestern, Pacific, and Eastern. The top four teams from these events go to the US Figure Skating Championships in January, 2017 in Kansas City, Kansas.

Christopher is a Sophomore at Trinity High School and Sophia is a eighth grader at St. Margaret Mary in Louisville, Kentucky. Both skaters are high achievers, and embrace challenges with adult confidence. Christopher Elder is first in his High School class. He enjoys playing soccer, is an avid member of the Trinity Math Team, and is an aficionado (fan) for the University of Kentucky basketball team. Sophia Elder is a former member of Louisville Rhythmic Gymnastics, where at age of 6, she qualified to Junior Olympics. Sophia also excels in school and enjoys time with her friends.

The Elder Dance team's other impressive wins include:

Competition Championships

2016	Chicago Dance	1 st Place
2015	US Figure Skating	1 st Place
2012-2016	Midwestern Sectionals	1 st Place
2015-2016	Chesapeake Open	1 st Place

Upcoming Elder Competitive Events:

January 2017
US Figure Skating Championships, Kansas City, Kansas

Midwestern Sectional Figure Skating Dance Champions

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**2012
Juvenile**

**2013
Intermediate**

**2014
Intermediate**

**2015
Novice**

**2016
Novice**

If you 'd like to meet the Elder Champions, donate to their cause, or watch their spectacular performances, visit: <http://www.icedancingjourney.com>

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