

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the Olympic Museum

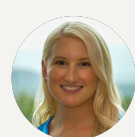
I am thrilled to be writing to you as we embark on a new era for the Lake Placid Olympic Museum! I am overjoyed to have the honor of leading the Olympic Museum and sharing Lake Placid's history with visitors and our community.

I relocated to Lake Placid six years ago to join the Lake Placid-North Elba Historical Society as the director. A move I initially thought would be a temporary chapter turned into a permanent home. Living in this mountain town surrounded by nature, arts and cultural organizations, and a community that is proud of its legacy inspires me to think creatively and work collaboratively. I am most fortunate to build on the excellent foundation established by the Olympic Regional Development Authority, the Museum Board of Directors, Collections Manager Julia Herman, and my predecessor Alison Haas. It is thanks to them that we can all look to the future with excitement and optimism.

I hope you have had the opportunity to visit the new museum to see the exhibits and learn about the Winter Olympics and Lake Placid's rich sports history. We are so grateful for all the support and interest visitors have shown the museum, and we look forward to continuing the positive momentum by expanding our events and programs to meet the needs of our audiences.

Thank you for being a part of the legacy that inspires.

Sincerely,



COURTNEY BASTIAN, DIRECTOR
[Lake Placid Olympic Museum](#)



CURATOR CORNER



CURATING THE OLYMPIC PIN COLLECTION

A recent donation from Mr. Michael Miller, an impressive Olympic pin collector, is now the main collections project going on in the Museum's archives.

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1980 SOVIET SILVER MEDAL

This medal came into the Lake Placid Olympic Museum Collection around 15 years ago. It is not known which Soviet player left this medal behind.

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1972 WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES ORIGINAL DESIGN

An interesting object of focus for the 1972 cauldron design is this piece of original artwork from Robert Whitney. A local Lake Placid designer, Whitney created the logo design for the 1972 FISU Winter Games.

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EDUCATION

Bring the Olympic Spirit into your classroom for the 2023/2024 school year! We are now offering a variety of educational programming: free teacher resources, free field trips for New York State schools, and live virtual field trips.



FREE TEACHER RESOURCES

The new teacher resources come with everything you would need from lesson plans, student worksheets, primary resources, learning objectives, suggested materials, and of course, they are all Winter Olympic themed! The teacher resources are categorized based on school level (elementary, middle school, and high school) and are created for both in-classroom activities and in-person field trips. Optional extension activities are also provided.

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LIVE VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

The Live Virtual Field Trip program launched in May 2023 and will be available for the 2023/2024 school year. Our current virtual field trip offerings include "Design and the Olympic Games: The Olympic Torch" for grades 3rd - 8th. Since this is a new program, we are limited in program selection, however, other exciting program offerings for more grades will be coming soon! The Live Virtual Field Trips are free for New York state schools and only \$50 a session for out-of-state schools.

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FREE FIELD TRIPS FOR NYS SCHOOLS

Field Trips that Inspire: As an educational institution, it is our goal to provide meaningful learning experiences for students when they visit the Lake Placid Olympic Museum. We are excited to once again be offering in-person field trips to the Museum for the 2023/2024 school year! While field trips can be self-guided and supplemented with some of our free teacher resources, we do offer guided field trips with Museum staff based on the teacher's and student's needs and interests.

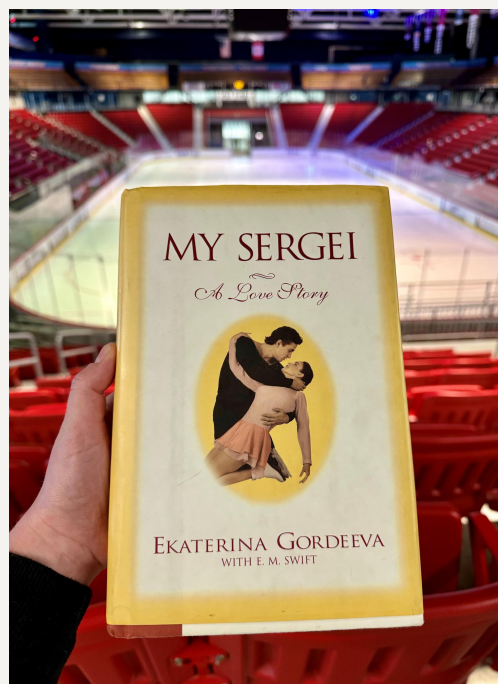
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STAFF BOOK PICK: *My Sergei: A Love Story*

As an avid reader obsessed with my Kindle, I never reach for non-fiction books. When I moved into my office in June, I stumbled upon *My Sergei: A Love Story* by Edward McKelvy Swift and Ekaterina Gordeeva. This began my new months-long hyperfixation. If you paid attention to the late 80s and early 90s then you probably have heard of this iconic duo.

Katia and Sergei were in Lake Placid training for their fourth season of Stars on Ice with their friends and colleagues when on November 20, 1995, while practicing their routine, Sergei suddenly suffered a fatal heart attack while on the ice.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



LAKE PLACID HALL OF FAME 38TH ANNUAL INDUCTION BANQUET

The Lake Placid Hall of Fame Induction Event will be held Saturday, **November 4** at 6 p.m. at Mount Van Hoevenburg.

The evening will begin with a cocktail reception and induction follow. Tickets are \$40 and are available at the Olympic Center box office (518-523-3330) and online through Oct. 28

[Buy Ticket Today](#)



GIVING TUESDAY

This #GivingTuesday, continue the legacy that inspires by making a gift to the LPOM on **November 28**. Your donation supports educational programs, exhibits, and the care of the collections. Be on the lookout for our social media campaign in November and please help us reach our goal of 100 donors.

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SUPPORT US

During this transitional year, support from our friends and community is more important than ever before. To continue the positive momentum of the new museum and to plan for future exhibits, provide new educational resources, and meet the needs of our audiences, we need your help. Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to the Lake Placid Olympic Museum.

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