

ALLIANCE

by

The Baisas Brothers

Ross Baisas & Antonio Baisas

The Philippines

1. What inspired you to become an Ice Carving Artist?

The crystal beauty and the unimaginable possibility.

2. What are you most looking forward to experiencing at this year's International Ice Carving Competition at Boardwalk Ice on Whyte?

Since it's our first time to compete in this great event, I'm sure this going to be one of our greatest challenges.

3. Name 3 other International Ice Carving Competitions around the world you have carved at and awards you might have won.

- 1st Place solo, Galliber, Valloire, France
- 1st place solo/team, Ice Festival, Poznan, Poland
- 1st place team, ight & Ice, Buffalo, USA

4. What tips would you give to someone interested in becoming an Ice Carver?

Be Passionate to it, patience, and have fun.

Ross Baisas for The Baisas Brothers



The Baisas Brothers
Antonio Baisas & Ross Baisas
The Philippines

ILLUSION

by

Double Dutch Trouble

Wilfred Stijger &

Edith van de Wetering

The Netherlands



1. What inspired you to become an Ice Carving Artist?

I was just watching the television because was bored! I saw a program about ice sculpting, there was a guy and a helper on Queen's Day making an awesome art piece!

2. What are you most looking forward to experiencing at this year's International Ice Carving Competition at Boardwalk Ice on Whyte?

The cool weather, this is all we need to make good sculptures!

3. Name 3 other International Ice Carving Competitions around the world you have carved at and awards you might have won.

- Jelgava
- Cabarofst
- Quebec

4. What tips would you give to someone interested in becoming an Ice Carver?

Practice and get good tools!



WILD SPIRITS

by

Hagal

Julio Martinez & Ryan Hill

Mexico & Quebec



1. What inspired you to become an Ice Carving Artist?

I began carving at a young age and have been interested in all types of carving. I first seen Ice carving on a school trip to Ottawa and always wanted to try it. I got my chance in 2012 and the first time I took a chisel to Ice I fell in love. Ice is truly a gift from the heavens and a wonderful medium. Ice carving is like a musician playing a song because the ice melts and fades into a memory like the sound played from a musical instrument.

2. What are you most looking forward to experiencing at this year's International Ice Carving Competition at Boardwalk Ice on Whyte?

I'm looking forward to my first visit to Edmonton and to create a beautiful piece for the city to enjoy.

3. Name 3 other International Ice Carving Competitions around the world you have carved at and awards you might have won.

This is my first trip abroad for Ice Carving. I have been participating in Ottawa's Winterlude for the past 5 years.

- 6th solo category at Winterlude, 2017
- 3rd at Amerispa's annual Ice Carving event in Cantly, Quebec
- I have a number of awards in other mediums.

4. What tips would you give to someone interested in becoming an Ice Carver?

Like any other carving you need sharp tools to ice carve; taking good care of your tools is worth it in the end.

Ryan Hill for Hagal



ONE WHO CAUGHT THE SUN

by

Ice Art of Sakha

Fedor Markov & Roman Petrov

Republic of Sakha, Russia

1. What inspired you to become an Ice Carving Artist?

The beauty of Ice itself and the playing of it on the Sun.

2. What are you most looking forward to experiencing at this year's International Ice Carving Competition at Boardwalk Ice on Whyte?

Meeting my friends at Ice on Whyte and I have missed Canada very much.

3. Name 3 other International Ice Carving Competitions around the world you have carved at and awards you might have won.

- The World Ice Art Championships, Fairbanks Alaska 2000, 2nd place
- International Ice Championship, Harbin China, 2004, 1st place
- Snow Festivals in Cortina d'Ampezzo and San Martino, Italy 2009, both 1st places
- International Cave ice carving championship, Finland 2017, 2nd place

4. What tips would you give to someone interested in becoming an Ice Carver?

Just love ice and what you do and never give in in spite of defeat, age and distance.

Fedor Markov for Ice Art of Sakha



PASSING THROUGH

by

Ice Drop

Kee Gawah & Tek Bahadur Roka

Malaysia & Nepal



1. What inspired you to become an Ice Carving Artist?

The material and able to visit other countries.

2. What are you most looking forward to experiencing at this year's International Ice Carving Competition at Ice on Whyte?

Great competitors, new ideas and designs.

3. Name 3 other International Ice Carving Competitions around the world you have carved at and the awards you might have won.

- Winterlude Crystal Garden in Ottawa
- Lake Louise
- and recently Tatry Ice Master in Slovakia

4. What tips would you give to someone interested in becoming an Ice Carver?

To be ready to work in the extreme cold conditions or the opposite when the weather is not cooperating.

MAGIC

by

Iceuropean Team

Samuel Girault & Michal Mizula

France & Poland



1. What inspired you to become an Ice Carving Artist?

Michal: Starting competing in ice carving competitions in 2006

Samuel: Started competition in ice carving competitions in 1999

3. Name 3 other International Ice Carving Competitions around the world you have carved at and awards you might have won.

- Canada Cup of Ice Carving in Ottawa 2017
- 2 times 2nd Place In Alaska
- 3 times Gold Medal Ottawa
- 3 times Gold Medal Poznan
- Michal - biggest sculpture in Alaska 2010, almost 9 meters tall
- Samuel - biggest sculpture in Dubai 2006 (Guinness Book record)

OGO POGO ENCOUNTER

by

Scott & Steve

Scott Harrison & Steve Buzak

Calgary & Edmonton, AB



1. What inspired you to become an Ice Carving Artist?

Pretty much just happened, started my first block of ice in the cold kitchen at NAIT for my culinary arts diploma. Then everything progressed from there ...

2. What are you most looking forward to experiencing at this year's International Ice Carving Competition at Boardwalk Ice on Whyte?

Carving with a new partner, we have been competing against each other for years. Fun fact: Scott is from Calgary and I'm from Edmonton, a rivalry we are putting aside to make it happen at Ice Magic and Boardwalk Ice on Whyte 2018!

3. Name 3 other International Ice Carving Competitions around the world you have carved at and awards you might have won.

- Harbin China International Ice Carving Competition
- Lake Louise "Ice Magic" international ice carving competition
- Ottawa's "Winterlude" international ice carving competition

4. What tips would you give to someone interested in becoming an Ice Carver?

Have patience.

Steve Buzak for Scott & Steve



TALKING TO THE MOON

by

Team Sakha

Egor Stepanov & Alexey Andreev

Republic of Sakha, Russia



1. What inspired you to become an Ice Carving Artist?

We have 9 months in Siberia of winter. In winter, our whole earth is covered with snow, and lakes and rivers with ice. Winter in Yakutia is very beautiful! Ice is transparent as crystal, this is living material from which beautiful sculptures are obtained and it inspires.

2. What are you most looking forward to experiencing at this year's International Ice Carving Competition at Boardwalk Ice on Whyte?

Ice on Whyte - a wonderful festival! We really like the atmosphere of the festival; it's a holiday, a meeting with friends, new impressions, success. We expect even more viewers.

3. Name 3 other International Ice Carving Competitions around the world you have carved at and awards you might have won.

- 1st Place, International Festival of Snow Sculpture, Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, 2009
- 1st Place, International competition of ice sculptures "Altai winter", Belokurikha, Russia, 2014
- 1st Place, The 4th China Ice Sculpture International Masters Contest, Guangdong, China 2017

4. What tips would you give to someone interested in becoming an Ice Carver?

Try it, you will succeed!

Alexey Andreev for Team Sakha

Producer's Note: Team Sakha has won first place at the Boardwalk Ice on Whyte for the past 5 consecutive years! They are the team to beat at Boardwalk Ice on Whyte in 2018.

