

# In Step

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## Revvng Up 2008

The 2007/08 season got a kick start with two successful fundraising events. The first, **Night of Champions**, held in April 2007 at the Philadelphia Figure Skating Club and Humane Society in Ardmore, PA, was sponsored by the Figure Skating Foundation. The event helped raise initial funding to choreograph two fresh and innovative competitive programs. Kim and Brent began collaborating with Michael Velez of the Koresh Dance Company to create a truly original African dance as well as a new free dance depicting the struggles of two lovers. In August these programs debuted for a sold out crowd at Snoopy's Home Ice in **Spirit of Champions** sponsored by the Santa Rosa Figure Skating Club.

From there it was **Skate America** in Reading, PA in October where Kim and Brent finished in sixth place with an emotional performance to Corinne Bailey Rae's rendition of Since I've Been Loving You. "Brent has always wanted to skate to Led Zeppelin's version of this music," explained Navarro, "but I thought it was not appropriate for us at this time in our careers. When I found this version, I knew that this is what we had to skate to."

In December the team competed at the **NHK Trophy** in Sendai, Japan where they finished in sixth place.



## Skating to the Stars

The **2008 US National Championships** were held in St. Paul, MN in January 2008. Despite the cold temperatures outside, Kim and Brent were received warmly by both the fans and the judges. Kim and Brent took a solid third place in the first portion of the competition, the Yankee Polka, a compulsory dance created by Ron Ludington for Jim and Judy Sladky. Mr. Ludington worked with Kim and Brent on this dance and even more rewarding, Judy was in the audience in St. Paul! Next was the African Original Dance which again earned the duo third place and another standing ovation.

The highlight of the week came after the free dance, when Kim and Brent won the bronze medal and a coveted spot on the World team! "We can't wait," said Brent. "We are honored to be in this position because of how hard we worked and because we are going with two great teams. It's going to be an incredible experience because they are not only great skaters, but also great people as well." Kim too was overwhelmed with emotion. "I didn't want to be disappointed, and I didn't want to focus on (making the team) either. I just appreciate it, and it is just now starting to sink in." They will be making their **Worlds** debut in Goteborg, Sweden, March 18 – 24!

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## Personal Best in Korea

Just a short two weeks after the national championships, Kim and Brent, along with head coach Robbie Kaine, were on the plane to Seoul, Korea in February for **Four Continents**. With a boost of confidence from their recent success, Kim and Brent placed third in all three phases of the competition, earning them another bronze medal, their first medal at an International Skating Union Championship. This was the team's best performance of this season. They were both really, really happy with it though they know they have to fine-tune it even more for Worlds in Sweden. But more than anything, Kim and Brent were proud for shattering their personal best score by nearly 20 points and to witness the raising of the American flag during the awards ceremony.



## On the Web

With dedication, hard work and the support of friends, family, and community, Kim and Brent continue to rise up the competitive ladder. For some **footage of this interesting season**, click on these links:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHGpTJ3e8N8>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLTgNBnrRAc&feature=related>

<http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/sports&id=5994240>

## Save the Date!

Night of Champions is Scheduled for April 26, 2008 at the Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society. **Night of Champions** will again be sponsored by the Figure Skating Foundation. Kim and Brent, and all the National Competitors who skate in this event look forward to seeing everybody at this fund raiser.

## Thank You



We would like to extend a warm thank you to all who have supported us for the last three years. Without your understanding and passion it would be so much harder to do what we do. We would like to extend a special thank you to **John McShae** the owner of **McShae's of Narberth**. John provides all the food for Night of Champions for the last three years at no charge.