

MAURI GUSTAFSON & JOEL DEAR

PROFILE:

D.O.B.: March 23, 1988 / September 24, 1981

Hometown: St. Louis, MO / Traverse City, MI

Home Club: All Year Figure Skating Club / Stars Figure Skating Club of Texas

Training Town: Plano, TX

Coaches: Pierre Panayi

Choreographers: Pierre Panayi, Margarita Drobiazko, Povilas Vanagas

2007/08 PROGRAMS:

Original Dance: Hebrew Folk Dance "Hava Nagila"

Free Dance: "Shake," "Tainted Love," "Sexy Love," and "Love Don't Cost a Thing"



TEAM NOTES:

- Gustafson & Dear teamed up in spring 2007.
- Gustafson & Dear choreographed their hip-hop free dance with assistance from coach Pierre Panayi.
- Gustafson previously skated with Logan Giulietti-Schmitt from 2004-2006. Gustafson & Giulietti-Schmitt were members of Team USA and competed at two Junior Grand Prix events during the 2005/2006 season. They split amicably after Gustafson suffered what was thought to be a career-ending injury. Fortunately, it was not.
- Dear previously skated with Meghan McCullough, winning a silver medal at the novice level, a pewter medal at the junior level and finishing 10th at the 2006 U.S. Championships at the senior level before McCullough retired to attend Harvard University.

COMPETITIVE RESULTS:

2nd - 2008 Midwestern Sectional Championships