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**JOHN HANCOCK OBSERVATORY TO HOST KRISTI YAMAGUCHI BOOK SIGNING,
EXTENDS 'SKATING IN THE SKY'**

*1992 Olympic Champion To Skate In The Sky and Sign Copies Of Her New
Children's Book, 'Dream Big, Little Pig!'*

CHICAGO – Twenty years ago, Kristi Yamaguchi stood atop the Olympic podium in Albertville, France and became the first U.S. woman to win the Olympic gold medal in women's figure skating since Dorothy Hamill in 1976. On March 28, 2011, Yamaguchi will reach yet another high, when she visits the loftiest skating rink in the world at John Hancock Observatory's 'Skating in the Sky.'

Yamaguchi will take to the 'ice,' discuss the inspirational message from her Always Dream Foundation, and read excerpts and sign copies of her new book, 'Dream Big, Little Pig!' from 6–8 p.m. The book will be available for purchase at the Observatory for \$16.99.

"We're thrilled to have Kristi Yamaguchi, an Olympic and World Champion, and certainly one of the best figure skaters in the history of the sport, join us for a skate 1,000 feet up," said Daniel Thomas, general manager, John Hancock Observatory. Our 'ice' rink has generated overwhelming enthusiasm from the public, and with visits from Evan Lysacek and Kristi, we've seen such increased demand, that we've decided to keep it open through April 17, two weeks longer than expected."

'Dream Big, Little Pig!' is Yamaguchi's first children's book. In addition to her gold medal and two world championship titles, she took first place in the sixth season of ABC's Dancing with the Stars, and is a member of the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame.

"I've skated on many rinks, but I'm very excited to be on the ice at the highest rink in the world," said Yamaguchi. "I'm especially looking forward to visiting the Observatory and sharing my book with the children of Chicago."

Since announcing plans for Skating in the Sky in September, 2010, John Hancock Observatory has received worldwide attention for being the highest skating rink in the world. Following Evan Lysacek's February appearance at the Observatory, Kristi Yamaguchi will be the second Olympic gold medalist to skate 1,000 feet up. The rink will now be open through April 17.

About John Hancock Observatory

Located inside the iconic John Hancock Center, John Hancock Observatory is open every day from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and, at 875 North Michigan Avenue, stands in the heart of The Magnificent Mile® surrounded by hundreds of shops, restaurants, attractions and entertainment venues. Highlights include spectacular 360° views spanning 80 miles and four states, a FREE multimedia tour and the city's only open-air Sky Walk, all accessed by the fastest elevators in the country. John Hancock Center and John Hancock Observatory are owned and operated by affiliates of Golub & Company.

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