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## THE PENINSULA CHICAGO OPENS 'THE PENINSULA SKY RINK' – CHICAGO'S ONLY HOTEL SKATING RINK – FOR THIRD SEASON

The luxury hotel unveils 'The Peninsula Sky Rink', its outdoor skating rink overlooking iconic Magnificent Mile, with funds raised to benefit children's charities

The Peninsula Chicago is pleased to announce the return of The Peninsula Sky Rink for the 2014 – 2015 winter season on Saturday, November 22, 2014. The 2,100 sq ft (200 sq m) hybrid rink is the only hotel skating rink in Chicago and originally debuted in December, 2012. Adjacent to the hotel's Shanghai Terrace restaurant and four stories above Michigan Avenue, with views of Chicago's iconic John Hancock building and the "Magnificent Mile," the skating rink is open to hotel, restaurant and spa guests daily through March 1, 2015. Throughout the season, there will be a variety of events and activities planned. Additionally, skaters will help give back to the local community, as 100% of the rink's skating earnings will be donated to two Chicago children's charities.

<u>Location and Setting:</u> Perched above Chicago's bustling Michigan Avenue, The Terrace is the perfect backdrop for the hotel's skating rink. Surrounded by Chicago's skyscrapers and twinkling lights, the rink is tucked into a pine tree winter wonderland and bathed in festive music and snowflake lighting. Skaters can enjoy the rink in a myriad of weather conditions.

**Charities:** All monies collected will be donated to two Chicago children's charities:

- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago: A new, state-of-the-art facility that is recognized as one of the nation's best children's hospitals. Please visit luriechildren.org for more information.
- Hephzibah Children's Association: Hephzibah Children's Association was founded in 1897, and has been providing services for abused and neglected children since that time.
   Learn more about Hephzibah at hephzibahhome.org.

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**Hours of Operation:** The Peninsula Chicago's skating rink is open daily, beginning Saturday, November 22, 2014, through Sunday, March 1, 2015, including holidays (based on availability). It is recommended guests visit the hotel website at www.peninsula.com/chicago or call +1 (312) 337 2888 prior to arrival to confirm.

### Hours (subject to change):

Monday – Friday: 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 Saturday: 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm
 Sunday: 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

<u>Donations:</u> Hotel guests, spa and restaurant patrons are invited to experience the skating rink on the day of their visit. Patrons should present a receipt or room key to gain access. The below suggested donations include use of skates. All monies collected will be donated to two Chicago children's charities.

- US\$ 10 per child (12 years and under)
- US\$ 15 per adult

\*\* Personal skates are not permitted due to rink surface requirements \*\*

**Schedule of Upcoming Events:** A variety of eclectic events and activities will be held at the SkyRink this season for guests to enjoy and participate. Not all events and activities are listed; additional occasions may be added for future dates.

- Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> Chicago Lights Festival 2014
- Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving
- Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day
- Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day



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<u>Warming Winter Drinks and Snacks:</u> The skating rink's outdoor menu features a selection of hot drinks and snacks including hot chocolate, cider, glühwein (a German, mulled wine), pretzels, spiced nuts and beignets.

#### Beverages:

•	Local organic cider with cinnamon sticks	US\$ 7
•	Hot chocolate, whipped cream, marshmallow	US\$ 7
•	Glühwein (mulled wine)	US\$ 10
•	House red and white wine	US\$ 12
•	Beer (local/import)	US\$ 7
•	Soft drinks	US\$ 5
Food:		
•	Beignets (per bag)	
	<ul> <li>Regular</li> </ul>	US\$ 10
	<ul> <li>Pistachio</li> </ul>	US\$ 10
•	Spiced nuts	US\$ 6
•	Pretzel sticks with cheese dip	US\$ 8

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