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## Sports & Spectacle (9 x various)

**Fast Women: The Ladies Of Auto Racing** - This exciting, award-winning documentary explores the history and many achievements of women in auto racing - the fight for recognition in a male-dominated field, the safety risks, the enthusiastic fans, family support and encouragement, the marketing and sponsorship challenges, and the pressures of being a role model. Thrilling footage from both historic and current races, and interviews with racing's most prominent women and men reveal just how far women have come in the field. *Best Sports Documentary: New York Independent Film & Video Festival* (60 mins.)

**Ice Skating Showcase: Great Routines of the 1980's** - The greatest figure skaters of our time, including Scott Hamilton, Dorothy Hamill, Torville and Dean, Robin Cousins, The Protopopovs, Toller Cranston, Charlie Tickner and Linda Fratianne, perform their finest championship routines. Skating to a variety of music from the Classics to The Beatles, these Olympic medalists combine athletic virtuosity with electrifying entertainment. Fourteen performances in all. (60 mins.)

**Ice Skating All-Stars: "Carmen" and "Tango"** - Carmen, Bizet's musical masterpiece, is sensually and dramatically depicted through dance on ice. Tango, a program consisting of 11 routines inspired by the choreography of this vibrant dance form, pulsates with the electric energy and traditional music of Argentina. These two stirring half-hour performances are as visually magnificent and as diverse as the music to which they unfold. (60 mins.)

**Ice Skating All-Stars: Russian Fair** - This hour-long spectacle features virtuoso solo, pair and ensemble performances influenced by Russia's rich tradition of folk dance and classical ballet. Included in this compilation program are "Polovets Dances" from Borodin's Prince Igor and the Corps de Ballet on Ice performing "A Chorus Line Medley." Performers include: Leonid Kaznakov, Svetlana Liapna, George Sur, Yuri Ovchinnikov, Olga Volozhinskaya, Alexander Svinin. (60 mins.)

**Champion Acrobats Of China: Steel Silk** - Riveting entertainment for circus fans and sports buffs. Winners of The Monaco Festival of Acrobats, The Chinese National Championships, and The International Acrobatics For Tomorrow. These performers, all of whom are women, dedicate years to perfecting their time-honored skills and to developing new and even more daring acts. Difficulty and danger... exquisite artistry and beauty... coordination and balance... uninhibited grace and tranquility... skill and daring... These are the hallmarks of the craft of these artists whose tradition dates back 2500 years. (46 mins.)

**Champion Acrobats Of China: Flying Lotus** - Championship performances of Chinese acrobats as fresh and delightful as they were centuries ago. Performances include the plate spinning, pyramid of benches, kicking bowls, bicycle balancing, flying eggs & plates, pagoda of bowls and stunt cycling. This troupe, which includes teenagers of 15 years of age, continues a centuries old tradition. And every group tries to come up with newer and greater tricks... (42 mins.)

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**The Moscow Circus: Dancing Bears And More** - Dancing bears! For ages, the amazing dancing and the irresistible cuteness of these adorable brown bears have captured the hearts of audiences of all ages. Here, under the Muscovite Big Top, they are as delightful as they've ever been. Performing with them are the fierce and wild Cossack cavalymen, who have not always aroused such fond reactions. One can only gaze with awe and wonder at the timing, precision and speed of the horsemanship they display here. (30 mins.)

**The Moscow Circus: Animals Under the Big Top** - Imperial elephants, enchanting seals and sleek and stealthy leopards all bow to the will of their trainers--those safety-flouting thrill-seekers who live to take the edge off nature's savage instincts--in acts that range from the hilarious to the astounding. (30 mins.)

**Tug Of War: In Search Of The Perfect Pull** – For thousands of years man has settled his differences, clan against clan, village against village, with a robust contest of strength known as tug of war. Today, tug of war is a sport partaken in by men, women and children informally around the world, and as an organized sport replete with national and international championships in 29 countries. Encouraged by “Xena: Warrior Princess,” filmmaker Fiona Cochrane set out to profile a real-life women’s tug of war team whose members are looked upon as the Xenas of their suburban neighborhoods where, after a long day of raising their families and working at a variety of jobs, release their stress and build up a sweat by joining in a good old fashioned tug of war contest. The film follows the Australian women’s tug of war team and their coach as they take on the world at the International Tug of War Championship World Games in Japan. It’s about a group of 40-something women pulling on a rough rope being screamed at by a half-blind Irish tug of war maniac. If you think professional sports coaches are tough, they have nothing on the coach of the Australian national team. Recently the International Olympic Committee board gave formal recognition to the international federation of tug of war. The sport was previously contested at six Olympics between 1900 and 1920. (26 mins.)

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