



## Rolling Through Time

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### Who We Are

The National Museum of Roller Skating is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located in Lincoln, Nebraska and the only dedicated roller skating museum in the world. We are committed to the preservation of the history of roller skating. With over 50 display cases, the museum educates the public on all aspects of roller skating, which dates back to the first patented skate from 1819.

### Curator's Corner

#### New Display

In late October the museum debuted its newest display entitled "Around the World in Twenty Skates." Countries represented in this display include: Canada, England, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Germany, and Japan.



Four German skates are showcased on the next shelf. These companies include Ceka and Hudora as well as a Terra-Glide inline skate and a Rools street skate with ankle brace.



The above photograph showcases the French skates. Companies represented include Rollet, Midonn, and Jack. Also included are two French advertisements for types of roller skates as well as two French banners.



Our final example includes three British skates. The two metal skates were manufactured by Hamaco and Brampton. The early wooden skate from 1876 was made in Liverpool and sold by the Burke Company.

## Roller Skating Movies



**Fireball**

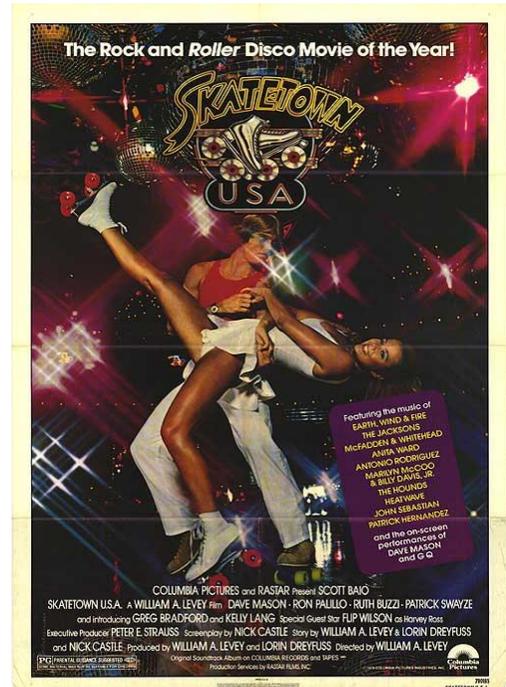
Mickey Rooney plays a rebellious, antisocial orphan who becomes a skating champion in the roller derby. Pat O'Brien co-stars as a priest and loyal friend to Rooney in his quest for fame and acclamation.

\*The Chicago Skate Company launched an aggressive promotional campaign alongside the film's opening in the fall of 1950, encouraging rinks across the country to prominently display Chicago skates alongside movie ads.



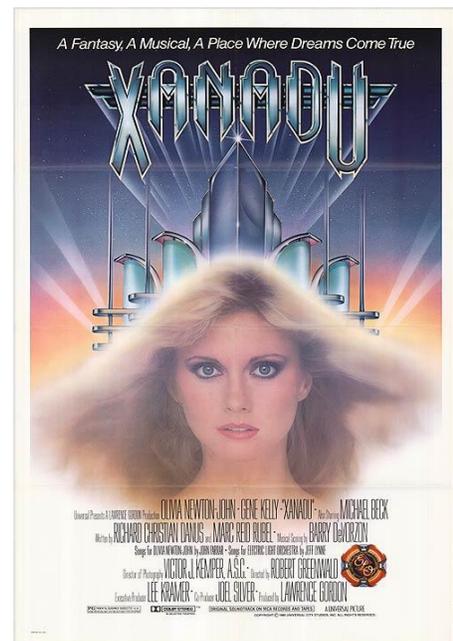
**Rollerball**

A futuristic drama set in 2018 about a world of corporate state with no free-will, God, or violence; the venting of humans nature's animal violence is through the popular game of rollerball, a mix of roller skating, motorcycles, and basketball where death is part of the entertainment. James Caan stars as a long-standing hero of the gruesome sport, who becomes dangerously popular and ordered to retire, but refuses.



**Skatetown USA**

This movie centers around an annual roller disco dance contest at Skatetown on the Santa Monica Pier. Patrick Swayze stars as Ace, a tough Venice Beach gang leader at the rink, competing against the valley boys at the contest. Scott Baio and Maureen McCormick also star.



**Xanadu**

Olivia Newton-John stars as Terpsichore, a singing and roller skating muse who comes to earth to assist musician and roller disco owner Michael Beck. Gene Kelly also makes an appearance.

### New and Renewing Members

Linda Wood  
Ann Saccomano  
Tim Laskey

## Our Condolences

Our condolences go out to the family of Vernon Quy of Fremont, Nebraska. Mr. Quy passed away this month at the age of 92.

Two years ago Mr. Quy donated to the museum one of our most unusual skates: a chainsaw-powered skate.



In 1990 Vernon was a guest on the *Today Show* with Johnny Carson where he demonstrated the invention of his. The skate travels up to 30 mph.

We also received three memorial donations in his name.

## RSROA Founding Papers

In the Articles of Association from 1937, the newly founded Roller Skating Rink Operator's Association expressed twelve powers and authorities. The following item is number six on the list:

*The above Association, formed on April 3, 1937, is to be the body and soul of the world wide known recreation and healthful sport, allowing nothing to impair the progress of roller skating, which, in the many years past, has been rolling along aimlessly, like a ship without a rudder. This Association is not to be taken as a dictatorial organization in any way, but rather as a constructive and guiding body cooperating with every rink operator throughout the country in an effort to improve and better roller skating conditions in general.*



## Rink Sticker Collection

The museum has an extensive collection of roller skating rink stickers. Many skating rinks used to produce stickers as both an advertisement and fun way to for skaters to interact with one another, comparing the different location in which they skated. These were even traded as collectibles both informally and formally, under the Universal Roller Skating Sticker Exchange founded in 1948. Each newsletter, we will feature different rink stickers. Here are a few examples of the numerous stickers in the collection and on display at the National Museum of Roller Skating.



Thanks for supporting the museum!

