

For Immediate Release:

**“GO FIGURE,” THE RANDY GARDNER STORY
SPECIAL BENEFIT PERFORMANCE**

At the West Hollywood Council Chambers Auditorium, January 5 & 6, 2018

All proceeds fund the AIDS Monument at West Hollywood Park

Compassionate and chillingly revealing, “Go Figure,” the live autobiography of National and World Pair Figure Skating Champion and two-time Olympian, Randy Gardner, comes to the West Hollywood Council Chambers Auditorium January 5 & 6, 2018. The event is sponsored by the City of West Hollywood’s WeHo Arts Program and all proceeds benefit the AIDS Monument Foundation at West Hollywood Park.

After decades on the world and Olympic stage with Tai Babilonia as “America’s Sweethearts,” Gardner goes solo with a raw, riveting expose of his life unfolding beyond thin ice. “Go Figure” is a play, an emotional journey, and according to Gardner, “one of the most rewarding things I’ve ever done.”

The venue’s intimate atmosphere offers the perfect setting for Gardner’s “behind the scenes” storytelling of mysteries long hidden from champion status. From the disappointing injury that took the pair out of the Olympic Games just minutes before the performance of a lifetime, to discovering he was adopted as an infant, to reparative therapy when he came out as gay, Gardner masterfully weaves the thread of life that heals and connects us all. Get ready to laugh, cry and be inspired.

“I found out my birth mother gave me up after being raped at age 17 by a family friend. When we finally met, she couldn’t believe I was her son,” recalls Gardner. “She said, “You’re Randy Gardner, I’ve been following your career for years, I’m your biggest fan.”” For Gardner, he was grateful to look like somebody else. He fit in.

“Go Figure” is written and directed by Joshua Ravetch, co-creator of Carrie Fisher’s Wishful Drinking and the 2017 World Premiere of Chasing Mem’ries starring Tyne Daly. Running time is one hour and 20 minutes and includes a special appearance by long-time skating partner Tai Babilonia. The January 5th performance is free via invite only at <https://gofigure-randygardner-weho.eventbrite.com>. Tickets for the performance on the 6th start at \$75. All proceeds will assist in the construction of the AIDS Monument at West Hollywood Park across from the Pacific Design Center.

Says Gardner, “I want to help the LGBT community and the next generation of athletes by opening up my heart and coming from an authentic place.” When it comes to spinning life into provocative storytelling, Randy Gardner brings home the gold. Honest and astonishing, “Go Figure” is a great ride.

EVENT:

“Go Figure” starring Randy Gardner
West Hollywood Council Chambers Auditorium
625 North San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood 90069

TICKETS: (Recommended for 12yrs. of age and up)

7pm Friday, January 5th special performance friends and family via invite only: <https://gofigure-randygardner-weho.eventbrite.com>

7pm Saturday, January 6th Tickets, available at: : <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/randy-gardner-a-live-autobiography-tickets-39522100667>