



Carlo Fassi

One of the most successful coaches in the history of figure skating, Carlo Fassi brought national and international acclaim to Colorado Springs and the Broadmoor Skating Club.

As a competitive figure skater, Fassi represented Italy in four World Championships, finishing as high as third in 1953. He also competed at the 1948 Olympic Winter Games in St. Moritz, Switzerland and was a two-time European Champion. His success as a competitive figure skater, however, was a prelude to a remarkable coaching career that would span more than three decades.

Following a plane crash in 1961 in which every member of the U.S. Figure Skating Team was killed on their way to the World Championships in Brussels, Belgium, Fassi was hired as head coach of the Broadmoor Skating Club. The club's coach at the time, Edi Scholdan, died in the plane crash, as did many of the club's most talented skaters. Fassi and his wife, Christa, were hired to rekindle the tradition of excellence that had been established by Scholdan.

One of the first athletes with whom Fassi would work at the Broadmoor Skating Club was a young athlete who would become the symbol of style and grace for an entire generation of figure skaters - Peggy Fleming. Under Fassi's tutelage, Fleming won five U.S. National Championships, three World Championships and a gold medal at the 1968 Olympic Winter Games in Grenoble, France.

In addition to Fleming, the roster of Olympic and World Champion figure skaters coached by the legendary Fassi includes some of the greatest names in the history of the sport — athletes such as Dorothy Hamill, John Curry, Robin Cousins and Jill Trenary.

Fassi passed away in 1997 at the age of 67.