



COLLEEN O' CONNOR & JIM MILLNS

They won the hearts of millions of Americans by taking the Bronze medal as Ice Dancing made its debut at the 1976 Olympic Winter Games in Innsbruck. The 25-year old O'Conner, a Chicago native, and the 27-year old Millns, born in Toledo, had trained under Doreen Denny at The Broadmoor Skating Club at the Broadmoor World Arena in preparation for their Olympic challenge.

They had been U.S Champions in 1974, 1975 and 1976, and had placed 7th, 2nd and 3rd at the World Championships as the discipline headed for its inaugural at Innsbruck. At the Games, they won a surprising bronze medal behind two Soviet teams to make the medals podium.

It would be thirty years until another American duo won an ice dancing medal. Millns and O'Connor were inducted into the U.S Figure Skating Hall of Fame in 1993.