

Ice skater Luke Brotherson tours with Disney on Ice

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Dream jobs are hard to come by. However, since 2003, professional ice skater Luke Brotherson has been dreaming with his eyes as a touring member of Feld Company, a touring company that presents the various productions that make up Disney on Ice.

Brotherson, a native of Birmingham, UK, began shaping his career as an ice skater at the age of 16; he's a self-taught talent, who stumbled into his craft as a result of a curriculum requirement in his High School. "I was always a competitive gymnast, but my school wanted us to take a secondary sport that we had never done before, so I chose skating. I would go skating twice a week with my class, and then I just got kind of addicted to it," said Brotherson. "When I finished school, I got a job at a skating rink so I could continue to practice."

Eventually, Brotherson's practice and discipline opened a doorway that would not have otherwise been there had he drifted in another direction. Under the advice of good friends, and without fear of taking chances, he found himself in line at an audition for *Feld Entertainment*.

"I had friends who were already working for Disney. They called me up and told me they were going to be in Birmingham touring the show and told me I should come in and audition. I auditioned, and it was about six months later before they emailed to ask me if I was interested in joining the show," he recalled.

Brotherson's first show was "*Monsters, Inc.*" Since then, his association with the touring company has carried him to every country in the world, with the exception of China and the continent of Africa. "I like the constant changing scenery. I like the fact that things just keep moving," Brotherson said.

Currently, Brotherson is a touring member of "*Disney On Ice Presents: Mickey and Minnie's*

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Magical Journey, a show that stops in the Twin Cities on December 9, at the Xcel Energy Center. The show charts the journey of Mickey and Minnie as they travel to four magical destinations to visit their friends, Lilo and Stitch, Simba and Nala, Ariel and Sebastian, and of course Peter and Tinkerbell.

Brotherson steps into the roles of several characters in the production, from one of Captain Hook's pirates, to a Hawaiian surfer, and onto a sea creature in the "*Little Mermaid*."

"I'm happy because I'm doing something that I love. When I'm on the ice and out there watching the crowd I think to myself, 'Wow,' I really love my job.' In my eyes that is the best feeling in the world," Brotherson said.

"*Disney On Ice Presents: Mickey and Minnie's Magical Journey*," runs from December 9 thru December 12 at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul. For more information on tickets, visit:

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