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Nancy Greene donates her 2010 Olympic torch to the BC Sports Hall of Fame

Torch signed by each of the final five torchbearers will be a hallmark artifact at the new Vancouver 2010 Celebration Gallery, opening to the public in November 2011

Vancouver, B.C. – Today, the BC Sports Hall of Fame announced that Canadian Olympic champion skier Nancy Greene has donated her Olympic torch to the BC Sports Hall of Fame. The torch was used by Nancy to ignite the Olympic cauldron alongside Wayne Gretzky, Rick Hansen, Steve Nash and Catriona LeMay Doan at the Opening Ceremonies for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

Signed by each of the final five torchbearers, this iconic Olympic artifact has been added to the more than 1,600 Olympic artifacts collected by the BC Sports Hall of Fame since 2008. To view a gallery of images, [click here](#).

“Nancy’s Olympic torch represents one of our country’s most cherished Olympic memories – we are extremely grateful to Nancy for her incredible generosity,” said Sue Griffin, President and CEO of the BC Sports Hall of Fame. “The torch will most certainly have a special place in our new 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Celebration Gallery.”

The new 6,000 square foot gallery will be completely dedicated to the spirit of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The objective of the gallery is to preserve and celebrate the inspiring memories and moments of the Games – encouraging visitors to experience the exhilaration of winning gold at home, spontaneous outbreaks of national pride and overwhelming demonstrations of focused determination and commitment by our athletes.

“We firmly believe that a permanent tribute to the 2010 Winter Games at BC Place will benefit the province for years to come,” said Griffin. “We are committed to working with our partners to ensure important artifacts like Nancy’s torch remain in B.C. to inspire visitors for generations.”

The BC Sports Hall of Fame at BC Place is a natural and ideal location for a permanent Gallery dedicated to the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games. During the Games, visitors from around the world descended on BC Place daily; it’s where we opened the Games, celebrated incredible athletic performances and showcased our immense national pride to the world during the closing ceremonies.

The BC Sports Hall of Fame will be unveiling the design concept for the new Olympic and Paralympic Celebration Gallery at a private function on March 10, 2011. It is also asking the public to provide input and feedback via its [Facebook group](#) on their greatest moments and asking what they would like to see celebrated in the Olympic and Paralympic Celebration Gallery.

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About the BC Sports Hall of Fame

The BC Sports Hall of Fame is a not-for-profit organization that, for the last 45 years, has been the preeminent custodian of sport artifacts representing more than 100 years of British Columbia's sport heritage. When the new roof is opened in fall 2011, the BC Sports Hall of Fame will reopen to the public in a revitalized space putting the 2010 Winter Games front and centre. The objective of the gallery is to preserve and celebrate the inspiring memories and moments of the Games – allowing visitors to experience the exhilaration of winning gold at home, spontaneous outbreaks of national pride and overwhelming demonstrations of focused determination and commitment by our athletes for generations to come. For more information, visit www.bcsportshalloffame.com.

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