

# Supporting Ian Torchia

## Upcoming Online Auction

Running Nov. 28th—Dec. 6th at 5:59:59 pm through the support of Out There Nordic we will be running a Fundraising Auction.

<https://outthereshop.com/fundraising-auction/>

**Over 40 Amazing XC Items: 2 pairs of Brand new Madshus skate skis, new Madshus skate and classic boots, Bliz Sunglasses, all sorts of other gear and clothing, and a signed copy of Jessie Diggins' book!**

Auction Details:

Auction will start on November 28 and end on December 6th at 5:59:59pm.

Click on the Auction link now to take a look at all the great items available.

When you place your bid, you will also load your credit card information via PayPal on Out There's website.

Payment for winning bids will be made from the credit card information provided.

All proceeds will be forwarded to Ian Torchia to be used to support his world cup campaign.

Auction items are for PICKUP ONLY, at either Tyrol Ski and Sports in Rochester, MN or Out There in Rice Lake, WI. (winners will be asked which location they prefer).

Madshus skis are for sizing and pickup at Out There in Rice Lake, WI.

## Thanks for your Support!

### Ian Torchia



## Upcoming World Cups

Ruka Finland

Davos Switzerland

## Funds go to support

- Travel
- Training
- Waxing
- COVID Testing

## A Message from Ian

Hello Friends!

Winter is right around the corner and I am as excited as you are to see the snow fly and get out gliding on those trails! As I think back to last season, my thoughts jump to the amazing fundraiser put on at Quarry Hill in Rochester last fall and with your support I was able to jump start the racing campaign on a stable financial footing. More than the money raised, it gave me a full heart of fire seeing all my supporters coming together to help me chase my dreams of international skiing success. I gave it my all last winter and after winning a SuperTour race and accumulating my first podiums at US Nationals, I qualified for Period 3 of the World Cup, the highest level of cross-country ski racing in the world. It was a humbling learning experience and while I did not perform to my true potential across the pond, I left more inspired and fired up than ever to get back and compete at the top level. After returning to the States, I had the race of my life at the American Birkebeiner finishing top American and placing 2nd overall in a narrow sprint finish, 1.3 seconds from the win. The end of the season arrived sooner than expected due to the pandemic cancelling the last races, unfortunately including the inaugural Minneapolis World Cup. I returned to Vermont with my fiancé Kameron and plotted out my return for the next winter campaign. Throughout the pandemic we came to the realization that we would have to postpone our September wedding until 2021 so as to keep our guests safe and hope the virus is done raging around by next summer.

It has been a successful preparatory period of training here in Stratton Mountain, Vermont with my club teammates and I hunkering down all summer and fall and limiting our travel due to COVID. Being in one place has allowed for uninterrupted focus and I can confidently say I am in the best shape of my life heading into the season. I recently received start rights to two World Cups in Lillehammer, Norway and Davos, Switzerland, two of the hardest courses on the circuit. Unfortunately, Lillehammer was just canceled due to COVID, so I am focusing on the Davos 15k race. I hope to finish in the top 30 and score coveted World Cup points. If I attain this goal I will likely stay over in Europe for the remainder of the World Cup season.

Racing in Europe is a costly venture when unfunded by the national team and thus I am launching an online auction with the help of Rochester Active Sports Club/Rochester Nordic Ski Team and my sponsors providing generous product for you to bid on. The auction is being held on Out There: Nordic Sport's software and website. Out There is a cross-country ski shop in Wisconsin which helps skiers around the world with their marketing and partnership needs. Auction Winners will be able to pick up their items at either Tyrol Ski and Sports in Rochester or at Out There in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. Thank you Out There and Tyrol!

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation please write a check to "Elite Nordic Fund" with "Ian Torchia" specified on the memo and send to

Stratton Mountain School

7 World Cup Circle

South Londonderry, VT 05155

I greatly appreciate your support again as I strive towards the 2022 Olympics in Beijing, China. I hope you enjoy the items, including some from Olympic gold medalist Jessie Diggins!

Stay safe and stay healthy.

Happy Trails ~

Ian Torchia

