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Colorado Springs, June 15-----The Olympic Downtown Celebration has become one of Colorado Springs' most popular events since its thrilling debut in 2012 on the evening of the Olympic Opening Ceremony in London, and as usual a celebrity Olympian will light the Rocky Mountain State Games Flame.

This summer's event should provide the same kind of excitement and entertainment that has attracted as many as 15,000 fans downtown to celebrate the presence of the United States Olympic Committee, U.S. Paralympics and some two dozen National Governing Bodies of sports on the Olympic and Pan American Games programs.

The evening also features the Opening Ceremony of the 2014 Rocky Mountain State Games, which brings some 9,000 athletes of all ages and skill levels to Colorado Springs to compete in 41 sports over the final two weekends of July. To date, 6,798 athletes have registered to compete.

A ceremonial lighting of the State Games cauldron will take place around 7:00 to signal the opening of the Games, which are held July 18-20 and July 25-27. The celebrity torch lighter will be figure skater **Jason Brown**, who won a Bronze Medal in the Team Event for the USA in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi.



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Brown, the youngest male American Olympic Figure Skater since 1976, trains in Colorado Springs, a hotbed for figure skating. In fact, it's the national headquarters for U.S. Figure Skating, the United States Olympic Committee's National Governing Body for the popular sport.

The Highland Park, Illinois, youngster performed like a champion at Sochi, and his fourth place finish in the Team Event nailed the Bronze medal for Team USA!

This came after his second place finish at the U.S. National Championships earned him a place on the United States Olympic Team in Sochi at the age of 19.

He's a student at the University of Colorado-Denver and was born in Los Angeles in 1994, one of the most notable years in U.S. Figure Skating history with the Tonya Harding-Nancy Kerrigan soap opera in Lillehammer.