

## OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

The legendary Aretha Franklin will lend her classic style and soulful sound to the song “Carry The Flame,” an accompaniment to the Olympic Torch as it travels across America to the Opening Ceremony of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. “We are honoured to have Aretha Franklin bring her incredible talent to the song that embodies the essence of our Games, which is ‘Light the Fire Within,’” said Mitt Romney, president and CEO of SLOC. “This is a song many can identify with: To have a dream, to pursue it with courage and determination and, through these actions, to inspire and make a difference, not only in one’s life, but in the lives of others.” The lyrics of the song chronicle the journey of a young boy and girl in the pursuit of their Olympic dreams. The resounding message embraces the idea that within each of us lies the ability to achieve greatness. Karin Hendrickson and Brock Walsh collaborated to write the four-minute piece. Hendrickson is a candidate for a Masters in Instrumental Conducting from George Mason University, while Walsh has written and produced songs for some of the world’s most prestigious artists. The song debuted in Atlanta, Georgia, as the Olympic Torch Relay kicked off in Centennial Park and has been played in more than 110 community celebrations along the Torch route.



### 'Carry The Flame'

Music and Lyrics by Hendrickson / Walsh. Performed by Aretha Franklin.

A little boy said, “Dad, someday you’ll hear a crowd shout out for joy. And they will see the hero in me that you said I’d find. If I’d just devote my heart and soul and mind.”

A little girl said, “Mama, I will be the greatest in the world. And everyone will watch and wonder how I got so far. How that last lump of coal became a shining star.” At last you’re here and now your wish IS coming true. And there are children who are dreaming watching you.

Carry the Flame. with every step you take  
Carry the Flame, what a difference you will make  
Hold it high and let it shine  
tight the way for those who come behind  
Carry the Flame

No regrets, no turning back, no might-have-beens, you’re not there yet. Now’s your chance to take your shot and see how far you go. Not trying means that you will never know.

You take your place, desire burning in your eyes  
But you’ve already won and that fire is your prize

Carry the Flame, with every step you take  
Carry the Flame, what a difference you will make  
Hold it high and let it shine  
tight the way for those who come behind  
Carry the Flame

Our dreams may be different, no two are quite alike  
But if you look you’ll see that very fire in our eyes

Carry the Flame, with every step you take  
Carry the Flame, may your courage never shake  
If you keep it lit against the sky  
You’ll rise to it however high you aim  
Carry the Flame, with every step you take  
Carry the Flame, what a difference you will make  
Hold it high and let it shine  
tight the way for those who come behind  
Carry the Flame

# SALT LAKE 2002



*Muhammad Ali lights the torch in the Centenary Olympic Park in Atlanta, starting point of the relay*



*The President of the United States George W. Bush welcomes the Olympic torch to the White House in Washington.*



*Billy Payne, who presided the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games.*



*Andy Fleming, president of the Atlanta Paralympic Games.*



*Sarah McClelland, 102 years and 11 months old, the oldest torchbearer, in Moraine (Ohio).*



*Mitt Romney, SLOC president (with helmet), with the torch in Atlanta.*



*Serena Williams (right) passing the torch to her sister Venus, in Fort Lauderdale (Florida).*