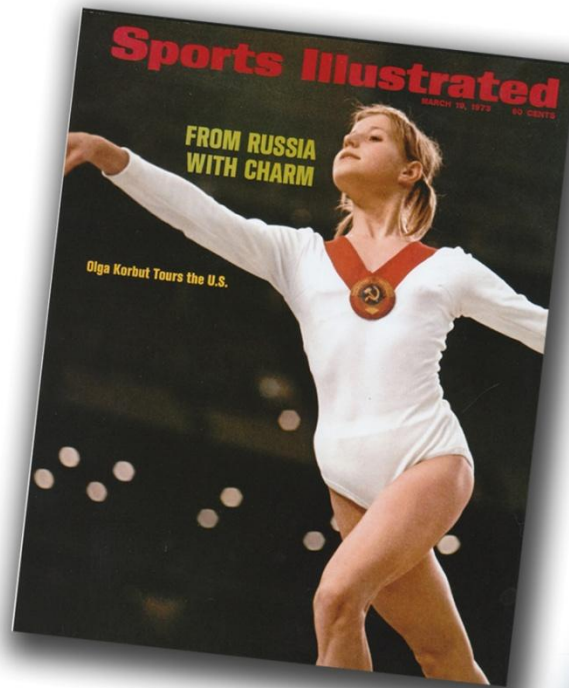


Olga Korbut

Olympic Icon

The Mother of Modern Gymnastics



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40 Years of Olympic Excellence...

There are few athletes in history whose individual performances redefine their respective sport for generations of athletes who follow. Olga Korbut has done so with gymnastics.

Born in 1955 in Hrodna, Belarus, Korbut followed in her sister's footsteps into the then Soviet Union gymnastics program. Her never-before-seen athleticism on the beam, vault, bars and floor resulted in many new Korbut-named moves still executed by today's gymnasts and ultimately earned her four Olympic gold medals and two Olympic silver medals at the 1972 and 1976 Olympic Games. Korbut's Olympic performances have stood the test of time making her one of the most iconic names in Olympic sports history.

Korbut's Olympic success, youthful energy and personal grace earned her international fame never before seen in gymnastics. She traveled the world in the 1970's as the cold war between Russia and the United States was at its peak. Sport historians have noted Korbut's impact on politicians and diplomats of the day in both countries, playing an unexpected role in easing global tensions.

Today Korbut resides in Scottsdale, Arizona and remains active in gymnastics instruction. Remarkably, at just 99 lbs., the 4'11" Olympic champion is only five pounds heavier than she was at the 1972 Olympics. Olga is a professional motivational speaker, a avid chef, and life-long fitness advocate. She will attend the 2012 London Olympic Games to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of her legendary 3-gold / 1-silver medal winning performance at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

