



## TORCHBEARER FEATURE

### **Alisa Camplin**

**Nov. 4, 2009**, in Dawson City, Yukon

#### **Torchbearer Story:**

“As an Australian Olympic athlete, I spent three summers living and training in British Columbia, seven fall pre-seasons training in Alberta and competed in three different Canadian provinces. I considered Canadians my most competitive yet friendly rivals throughout my skiing career and shared the Olympic podium in 2002 with two of the most impressive people in the sport—Canadians. As one of the most beautiful places on earth, Canada was my home away from home. I am privileged to carry the Olympic Torch through such a sporting, competitive and generous country.”

Alisa Camplin captivated the world and made history in 2002 when she became Australia’s first female Olympic Winter Games gold medalist. At the Torino 2006 Olympic Games, Camplin overcame a second knee reconstruction and limited preparation to carry the flag for Australia at the Opening Ceremony; she defied odds to claim a stunning bronze medal, becoming the first person in history to win back-to-back Olympic aerial medals.

Camplin is a 2003 world champion, 2003-2005 world record holder and two time World Cup grand prix champion. There is only one other woman in the history of the sport who has held the three titles at once and Camplin is only the third woman in freestyle skiing history to claim seven victories in one season. She won the 2002 Female Sportswoman of the Year Award in Australia.

Camplin is now a member of the FOXTEL/Channel 9 commentary team for the 2010 Winter Games.

Camplin will be carrying the Olympic Flame as part of the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay International Media Program, developed by VANOC in collaboration with the Canadian Tourism Commission (CTC), to spread the excitement and share the Olympic spirit with media and fans around the world.

#### **Did You Know?**

- A former state gymnast, Camplin provided commentary on gymnastics and diving at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens.
- Camplin participated in the Australian Prime Minister's *Australia 2020* Summit in the preventative health category.
- Camplin is deputy chair of the Australian Sports Commission and will be *Chef de Mission* for the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games.