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Wednesday, June 15, 2005

Skate Plaza a hit!

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Kettering, Ohio was the center of the skateboarding universe Saturday afternoon as skaters, country-wide, flocked to the opening of "The World's First Skate Plaza," the creation of Kettering native and D.C. Shoe sponsored star, Rob Dyrdek.

The new landmark immediately finds itself in the company of famous skate spots such as, San Francisco's Embarcadero and Philadelphia's Love Park.

A dozen or so of the world's best riders broke in the long awaited park with an open professional demo and best-trick competition that Dyrdek enthusiastically described to the crowd of thousands as a unique breakthrough — "Video style skating in the form of a contest."

Pro Chris Cole took home the \$32,000 grand prize, landing near impossible tricks off the twelve-stair drop, one of the many impressive components of the park. The Kettering Skate Plaza, which Dyrdek describes through his web site, (www.dyrdek.com) as a "fantasy," has been in the works for two-plus years and is unique in that it's a park designed to duplicate a real street environment. Seconds after the award ceremony and the announcement officially opening the park, the gathered mass of skates flooded the plaza made up of ledges, benches, stairs, rails and flat ground.

"There is no comparison. There's nothing like this anywhere in the world," raved D.C. Shoes filmmaker Kirk Dianda who is currently working on "Groundbreaking," a DVD based on the making and opening of the park. "Rob designed it. (Other parks) are built in the best interest of the designers, continued the Orange County native. "That's a bummer because nobody likes the bowl themed parks except for small groups of people."

Dyrdek, who teamed up with major sponsor D.C. Shoes to build the plaza, crashed onto the world-wide scene in 1991, placing fourth in the World Championships in Munster, Germany. Dyrdek, born in 1974, began skating in the fall of 1986 after receiving an early Christmas present — his first skateboard. Dyrdek is now a regular in every skateboard magazine and a household name in skateboarding culture.

The City of Kettering approached the home-town boy to build a skate park to fill the growing demand for a legal place to skate in the city and Dyrdek delivered and produced a rare and magnetic landmark. More information about the Rob Dyrdek-D.C. Shoes Skate Plaza, including the new "The Plaza Shoe" — designed especially for the the park's inauguration, can be found at www.skateplaza.com.



Cory McGullion (in white shirt) gets good air during a jump Saturday. The 13-year-old Kettering resident joined skate boarders from around the nation Saturday at the grand opening of the Kettering Skate Plaza in Indian Riffle Park. The skate plaza was built with the assistance of pro skater Rob Dyrdek, also a Kettering native, who helped design this one-of-a-kind venue. (Shawn Bauman photo)

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