

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY & VALUATION

Madame Alexander Composition Doll — Celebrity Skater Series, Introduced 1939

SONJA HENIE

Madame Alexander Doll Company — New York — 14.5" Composition — Mold Marking Confirmed



Sonja Henie — 14.5" All-Composition Doll

Madame Alexander Doll Company

Original Tagged Costume with Pastel Trim & Metal Skate Pin

Blonde Mohair Wig, Sleep Eyes, Original Skate Boots

"Sonja Henie" — Madame Alexander Composition Doll — 14.5"

All-Composition Construction — Blonde Mohair Wig — Sleep Eyes

Original Tagged Costume & Metal Skate Pin — Original Boots

HISTORY

In 1939, Madame Alexander introduced one of her most celebrated celebrity dolls: a portrait doll of **Sonja Henie** (1912–1969), the Norwegian figure skater and Hollywood film star. Henie had already won three consecutive Olympic gold medals for figure skating (1928, 1932, 1936) before transitioning to a highly successful film career, headlining a string of ice-skating musicals for 20th Century Fox that made her one of the highest-paid stars of her era. Madame Alexander capitalized on Henie's enormous popularity by securing the licensing rights to produce a doll in her likeness — offered in a range of sizes and in an array of skating and everyday costumes, many trimmed with the colorful pastel details and rounded, sporty silhouettes typical of the late 1930s. The doll's charm and Henie's celebrity made it one of the best-selling composition dolls of its era.

◆ *Sonja Henie remains the only figure skater in history to win three consecutive Olympic gold medals — a feat that made her a household name and inspired one of Madame Alexander's most beloved dolls.* ◆

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ◆ Manufacturer: Madame Alexander Doll Company — New York, introduced 1939
- ◆ Size: 14.5 inches

CURRENT MARKET VALUE

\$150 – \$300

*14"–14.5" Madame Alexander Sonja Henie dolls, original tagged costume & accessories present
Comparable sold listings range \$75–\$225,
premium for confirmed mold marking, original tag
and intact metal pin
Doll & collector market data 2024–2025*

- ✦ Construction: All-composition, jointed body
- ✦ Hair: Blonde mohair wig, curled
- ✦ Eyes: Sleep eyes with painted lashes
- ✦ Costume: Original tagged dress with pastel pom-pom trim, lace-front bodice
- ✦ Accessory: Original metal skate charm pin attached to costume
- ✦ Footwear: Original ice skate-style boots
- ✦ Mold marking: Physically confirmed by owner inspection

AUTHENTICATION

Confirmed: The mold/back marking has been physically inspected and confirmed, verifying this doll as a genuine Madame Alexander "Sonja Henie" composition doll. Combined with the original tagged costume and intact metal skate pin, this piece is fully authenticated. As with most composition dolls of this era, light craquelure (fine surface crazing) may be present and is typical of age rather than damage.

*"Three-time Olympic gold, movie star sparkle — she
skated straight into every little girl's heart."*

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