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STORY HEADLINE: Skiing superstar Mikaela Shiffrin provides inspiration for friend Emma Resnick’s bid for gold at Winter Youth Olympic Games

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STORY SCRIPT:
US skier Emma Resnick does not have to look far for inspiration for her trip to the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Lausanne 2020.

The 16-year-old is a family friend of skiing superstar Mikaela Shiffrin. Shiffrin became the youngest ever Olympic slalom champion, men or women, in Sochi 2014 and has provided a guiding influence on Resnick. They are both members of the Vail Ski Club and their mums play tennis together.

Resnick said: “I know she is always cheering for me and she always says to ski like you know how to and don’t let everything else get in the way, the big media and all the other countries being here, everything, just kind of stick to what you know.”

And like Shiffrin, she loves to dance and uses dance moves to help her during the slalom and giant slalom disciplines.

“As a skier I like to dance on the mountain, so when I go down the hill I like to kind of just flow through the course and make it like a dance. I dance all the time, I love it. I used to do that as a sport and I competed in dance competitions, but I don’t do that anymore so I just kind of incorporate that into my skiing and the faster the speeds go, kinda the slower the music gets and the more time I have to think and the more flowy the discipline is. So Super G is really fast but the music is kind of slower because the gates are further apart.”

Resnick began skiing at the age of three and was a talented all-round sportswoman before concentrating on Alpine racing. She says it was the desire to go fast and be outdoors that swayed her to a career on the slopes and that has proved a very good decision. She is currently the youngest member of the USA Senior ski team.
She has a good record in Switzerland - she won the prestigious Opa Cup for the Under-16s last year, and that fired her Olympic dream. She hopes that dream ends in slalom gold to her CV in her final race of Lausanne 2020 on Monday (January 13). She will hope her runs in the Super-G, where she finished 11th, and combined (12th) will help her in that bid for glory.

Lausanne 2020 is the third edition of the Winter YOG, bringing together the world’s best young athletes between the ages of 15 and 18. For the first time in Winter Olympic history the Games will have gender equality, with equal numbers of male and female competitors in the 81 medal events.

1,872 athletes from 79 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) will be in action in Lausanne, 12 of those NOCs for the first time at a Youth Olympic Games - Albania, Azerbaijan, Ecuador, Haiti, Hong Kong, Kosovo, Pakistan, Qatar, Singapore, Thailand, Turkmenistan and Trinidad & Tobago.

Lausanne 2020 features five new events: Women’s Nordic Combined, Individual Normal Hill/4km, Women’s Doubles Luge, Ice Hockey Mixed NOC 3x3, Freeski Big Air, Snowboard Big Air. One new sport has also been added to the programme, Ski Mountaineering, which includes five events: Women’s and Men’s Individual, Women’s and Men’s Sprint and Mixed NOC Relay.

The first Winter Youth Olympic Games took place in Innsbruck, Austria, in 2012. The second edition was held in the Norwegian city of Lillehammer in 2016.

SHOTLIST:
00:05 Wide shot of group with US skier Emma Resnick in centre
00:13 Close up US skier Emma Resnick
00:17 Emma Resnick off the ski lift
00:23 General shots of Emma Resnick on slopes

01:41 SOUNDbite: Emma Resnick, USA, Alpine ski racer (English Language).
“Growing up I was into every sport I could do. I was a dancer, I was a gymnast, I was a soccer player, I played baseball, basketball, everything. I loved every sport.

01:52 Close up of Emma Resnick on the slopes

01:56 SOUNDbite: Emma Resnick, USA, Alpine ski racer (English Language).
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02:33 General shot of Emma Resnick on slopes

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ON MIKAELA SHIFFRIN: “I know she is always cheering for me and she always says to ski like you know how to and don’t let everything else get in the way, the big media and all the other countries being here, everything, just kind of stick to what you know.”
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02:59 SOUNDBITE: Emma Resnick, USA, Alpine ski racer (English Language).
“On the US ski team we have these new mentor/mentee roles this year and my mentor is Nina O’Brien, and she is definitely someone I really look up to. She is on the World Cup circuit and she has been skiing really well, and it’s so fun to get to talk to her and as the youngest member of the national alpine team, it’s really fun being just like a little sister to everyone. I went to Europe this fall with all of them and it was a great experience to get to know all of the BC team athletes and just kind of become friends with them.”

03:34 General shot of Emma Resnick on slopes

03:38 SOUNDBITE: Emma Resnick, USA, Alpine ski racer (English Language).
“Last year we came, a small group of US athletes, came to Switzerland to compete in the Opa Cup, which is pretty much the biggest children’s race for U16 and under. We came to Les Diablerets before the races to train and that was the first time I had really seen the Youth Olympics. I have always heard of it from River Radamus doing so well a few years ago, but I never really thought about it, and then last year we saw the signs in town about it and I was like wow, that’s really cool...and now I am here.”

04:13 General shot of Emma Resnick on slopes

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