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Special Edition: Dancing with the Broomfield Stars

New batch of celebrity dancers ready for annual fundraiser

The inaugural Dancing with the Broomfield Stars was a rousing success! People of all ages were on hand last September to witness the dancing skills of eight area celebrities. Beau Smith (Sil-TerHar Motors) and Carlee Taga stole the show (and earned the most cash votes) with their own version of Beyoncé's "Single Ladies."

Dancing with the Broomfield Stars returns to the **1STBank Center** on **Thursday, September 22**. A new batch of local celebrities have been practicing all summer with their professional dance instructors and coaches.

Area restaurants will be serving food on the concourse. You'll also be treated to a special appearance by the **Phil Long Band**. The event emcees are 9News Reporters **Anastasiya Bolton** and **Dave Delozier**.

Just like the hit television show, Danc-

ing with the Broomfield Stars is a competition. Audience members will vote for their favorite couple with monetary donations. All proceeds benefit the Broomfield Community Foundation.

"Last year's event was a lot of fun and really brought out the community spirit of Broomfield," said Karen Smith, executive director of the Broomfield Community Foundation.

This year's celebrity dancers are: Randy Ahrens (Broomfield Chamber of Commerce); Ed Black (Presbyterian Church of Broomfield); Andrew Bosio (Restoration Specialists); Linda Deland (corporate trainer); Heather Drake (Flatiron Crossing); John Long (Broomfield High School); Jenifer

Madson (Donnelson, Ciancio, Goodwin); and Amy McKeller (climber).


The professionals coaching the celebrity dancers are: Morris Vaccarella III (Arthur Murray Dance Studio, Lakewood); Julia

Wilkinson Manley and Collin Eckoff (Ballet Nouveau Colorado); Jennifer Johnson (Dance Arts Studio); Marie-Jose and Sophie Payannet (Danse Etoile Ballet); Courtney Duran, Evin Larsen, and Marcus Woods (Fred Astaire Dance Studio, Westminster); and Carlee Taga (Taps n' Toes).

For your entertainment pleasure, Julie Baxter, Bruce Erley, Beau Smith and Barb (Bobbi) Spader will serve as judges.

General admission tickets are still available online at www.BroomfieldFoundation.org or by calling the Foundation at 303.469.7208. Ticket prices are \$40 for adults and \$20 for students (25 and under).

If you are unable to attend, you may support your favorite dancer and place your votes online at the Broomfield Community Foundation web site.

For additional information, including dancer bios and sponsors, please turn to pages two and three. 



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Volunteer Spotlight



Marsha Lutes
"Dancing with the Stars"
Volunteer

Marsha has a strong commitment for community involvement. She has been volunteering on the Broomfield Community Foundation's event/marketing committee for two years and has a great amount of energy.

Marsha delivers for Broomfield's Meals on Wheels and knits caps for newborns in area hospitals on behalf of the Western Slavonic Association. She used to

be a horse walker for children with special needs, but said the horses began to walk faster than her.

Marsha's community service commitment goes back further to when she trained tour guides for the Molly Brown House and Historic Denver. She also helped hearing impaired children at Porter Hospital, raised funds for The Listen Foundation and helped post surgical joint replacement Kaiser patients.

Marsha was born, raised and educated in Colorado; has been married for 45 years; is the mother of two; and has one granddaughter. She enjoys playing Bocci with friends, spending time and traveling with her family, and trying new recipes on dinner guests. ❤️

Corporate Corner

For this special edition of the Corporate Corner, we're recognizing the businesses, restaurants and individuals who are helping to make the second annual Dancing with the Broomfield Stars a success.

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Meet the Broomfield Stars...

Jenifer Madson and Morris Vaccarella III- *Mambo/Cha-Cha*

Jennifer is a business development specialist and executive coach for Donelson Ciancio & Goodwin, P. C., a full service law firm located in the Arista area of Broomfield. She holds an honors degree in communications from the University of South Carolina, but credits her former work as an entertainer in New York City for giving her the people skills necessary to her work today. She and her husband Les have lived in Colorado for more than 20 years.

Morris is the owner of the Arthur Murray dance studio in Lakewood. Arthur Murray is a highly-esteemed dance company that sets the standards of ballroom dancing worldwide. Morris has taught ballroom dance for 20 years and is certified by Arthur Murray as a Gold Master Instructor. He has competed professionally in both American Smooth and American Rhythm dancing, and has won numerous awards for his achievements in choreography and teaching dance.

Randy Ahrens and Sophie Payannet **(coached by Marie-Jose Payannet)-** *Country/Ballet*

Randy has lived in Broomfield since 1966 and attended Emerald Elementary and Broomfield High Schools. Randy graduated from Colorado State University and worked in the oil industry for several years. He also served on the committee to make Broomfield a City and County and served on the City Council for eight years, two of which were spent as mayor pro-tem. Randy's other community service includes work with the Broomfield Economic Development Corporation, the Broomfield Chamber of Commerce, the Broomfield Evening Rotary Club, the Community Foundation Legacy Fund-Raising Committee and the Broomfield Lifetimes Cancer Support Group.

Sophie trained with the Alabama Ballet, Ballet Nouveau Colorado and Danse Etoile Ballet where she performed with the company in many exciting productions. In 2009, she was the recipient of a dance scholarship and received second place in the Colorado Dance Alliance Young Dancer Award. She

also performed in the 2009 and 2010 Youth Grand Prix in Denver. Sophie has competed in figure skating in the senior level and the Learn to Skate at the YMCA. Sophie will be a junior at the University of Colorado in Boulder where she is majoring in finance and molecular biology.

Marie-Jose Payannet is the founder and artistic director of Danse Etoile Ballet.

Heather Drake and Collin Eckhoff **(coached by Julia Wilkinson Manley)** *Jazz and Disco Fusion*

Heather is the senior marketing manager at FlatIron Crossing, a Macerich Property – a position she has held for eight years. Prior to that, Heather held senior marketing positions at two malls in Utah. Heather is a graduate of Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in communications with an emphasis in public relations. She resides in Broomfield with her husband, Matt, daughter, Mattea, and son, Roman. Heather's passions include her family, friends, protecting the animals and environment, shopping and dancing, of course!

Collin is in his first year teaching at the Broomfield-based Ballet Nouveau Colorado.

Julia is in her tenth year as school director with Ballet Nouveau Colorado. Born in Corpus Christi, Texas, Julia trained and performed with the Corpus Christi Ballet, Houston Ballet Academy and the Boston Ballet Centre for Dance Education. She received her BFA in Ballet Pedagogy from The University of Oklahoma and danced professionally with Ballet Ireland and Ballet Nouveau Colorado.

Ed Black and Courtney Duran – Foxtrot
Ed Black Jr. has served as minister and beloved pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Broomfield since 1997. He enjoys living in Broomfield and has assisted the Broomfield Crossing Rotary Club in a number of events benefiting the Broomfield Community Foundation, as well as other charitable organizations. This is Ed's dance debut and perchance his only public dance event. Ed loves hiking, biking, reading, and visual

arts. He refuses to believe that he hasn't got a prayer of winning.

Courtney has had a love for performing from a young age. She began dancing jazz, tap and ballet in an after-school dance program when she was in third grade. She continued dancing through high school where she was cast as a principal dancer in numerous musicals. Her first exposure to ballroom dancing was at age 16 when she took swing and cha cha lessons with a friend. She started working at Fred Astaire Dance Studio in October 2004 and has loved it ever since.

Amy McKellar and Evin Larsen *Tango/Salsa*

Rita Golden Gelman's quote may describe Amy best, "I move throughout the world without a plan, guided by instinct, connecting through trust, and constantly watching for serendipitous opportunities."

Amy grew up in Broomfield, learning to be the person that she is today. She was fortunate to have a family to give her plenty of opportunities to travel, learn about other cultures, and to appreciate our natural world and all of its beauty. Amy attended the University of Oregon. She has lived in many places including Chile, California, New Zealand and Mexico. Amy has done many things along the way, from cooking, climbing, surfing, traveling, guiding scuba diving, to coral research. She lives in Boulder and works as a chef.

Evin has been competitively dancing for almost 15 years. He started dancing and competing while attending Purdue University. While at Purdue, he won many competitions and was among the leaders of the dance team. Evin recently moved to the Denver area for an opportunity to teach with the Fred Astaire Dance Studio.

Andrew Bosio and Jennifer Johnson – Jazz
Andrew was born in Broomfield and graduated from Broomfield High School in 2002. He graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in finance and a minor in real estate. After graduation, Andrew worked for

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an accounting firm until moving to Nashville for a banking and finance job. A short time later, Andrew moved back to Broomfield and began working as an estimator and project manager for his family-owned, Broomfield-based construction company – Restoration Specialists, Inc. He recently married fellow Broomfield High alum, Emily (Adams) Bosio. Andrew and Emily live in Broomfield.

Jennifer earned her bachelor of arts degree in dance from Barat College and the Barat Conservatory of Dance in Lake Forrest, IL. She has danced and taught throughout the Denver Metro area and has contributed to the Denver arts community for more than 12 years. Jennifer is a former Denver Broncos Cheerleader and her passion for the promotion of dance is demonstrated by her commitment to share her talent with youth. Jennifer also serves on the Board of Directors of Dance Arts Studio.

John Long and Carlee Taga – Jazz

John was born and raised in Broomfield. He went to Nativity and Broomfield High School (BHS) where he played tennis, basketball, ran track, and participated in choir and Student Council. John returned to BHS after getting his bachelors and masters degrees in math education. He is currently the athletic director and assistant principal at BHS. He is married to Jill and they have three beautiful girls.

Carlee is a senior honor student at Regis University studying biology with emphasis in ecology and evolution. Carlee has been dancing since the age of two, has performed in many musicals and competitions, and teaches award-winning routines at Taps 'N Toes Dance Studio. Although she loves all types of dance, her favorite is tap! Carlee happily returns to the stage in her second round of Dancing with the Broomfield Stars and loves performing for this great cause!

Linda Deland and Marcus Woods –

Rumba/East Coast Swing

Linda first viewed the Rocky Mountains in 1974. By 1975, she and husband Tom, were calling Broomfield their home. Linda is a senior manager for learning and development, overseeing the corporate training at multiple campuses for Holiday Retirement's 300+ properties. Linda and Tom have two adult children, Michelle (Paul) and Joe and enjoy the wonderful life they have created in Broomfield. Those who attended last year will remember Linda as the judge "Simona". When asked to dance this year her reaction was "No! They'll crucify me!"

Marcus became interested in ballroom the same way that most people do – he saw everybody else doing it. As an instructor, Marcus performs in shows, exhibitions, competitions, and makes a living just having fun! He has taught at Fred Astaire Dance Studios for the last three years and hasn't looked back or down. ❤️