

Dancing with Local Stars, in the works

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The seventh annual “Dancing with Local Stars” will be held Friday, April 10, at 7 p.m. at the Camden Opera House, Main Street/Route 1. This popular event pairs Midcoast celebrities with professional dance instructors who take the stage together to show off their best dance moves in support of Wayfinder Schools.

This year’s incredible cast of community stars includes Ben Curtis, Polly Saltonstall, Heather Hearst, Matt Bixby, Owen Casas, Betsy Kingsley, Craig Ouellette, Erin Ovalle and Lucinda Ziesing. Each is paired with instructors from Swing & Sway Dancing or Kinetic Energy Alive. Together they will waltz, jive, foxtrot, tango, hip-hop and swing their way into the hearts of audience members, all for a great cause — helping Maine teens graduate from high school.

The show also will include special performances by Studio Red, Shana Bloomstein, Rockport Dance Conservatory, Atlantic Ballet Company, Swing & Sway Dancing, Kinetic Energy Alive and the students of Wayfinder Schools, making for an unforgettable evening in support of Maine kids. Hair styling, makeup and transportation for the stars will be provided by The Cutting Room, Beauty Mark and Country Coach Charters.

Erin Donovan of Spoon and The Bangor Daily News will emcee the show. An after-party at The Smokestack Grill will include music by DJ Terry Frank. The community effort would not be possible without the generosity of the 2015 Dancing with Local Stars sponsors: Lead Event Sponsor Camden Real Estate Company, Old Port Advisors, Maine Magazine, Pen Bay Pilot, Charles D. Jordan, Jr. Real Estate Appraisal & Consulting, Lord Camden Inn and Grand Harbor Inn.

Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. General admission tickets are \$30, \$10 for children age 12 and younger; prime seating is available at \$50. Tickets are available at HAV II in Camden and online at wayfinderschools.org.

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