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## Special Edition: Dancing with the Broomfield Stars Celebrity dancers ready to “Wow” audience at annual fundraiser

Dancing with the Broomfield Stars is back for a third year and the lineup of dancers is exciting. Last year’s event was a success with John Long and Carlee Taga earning the most cash votes with their rendition of “Ding Dong the Witch is Dead” and a surprise dance to “Flashdance”! This year’s Stars event will be **Thursday, September 20** at the 1STBank Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Eight “stars” and their professional instructors and coaches have spent the summer practicing for a fun and exciting show.

Area restaurants will be serving food on the concourse. The Legacy High School Jazz Ensemble will make a special appearance at 6:15 p.m., and later in the evening the Broomfield High School Jazz Ensemble will



give a special performance.

The event emcees are Christine Chang, 7News Anchor/Reporter and Eric Lupher, 7News Reporter/Producer.

Just like the hit television show, Dancing with the Broomfield Stars is a competition. Audience members will vote for their favorite couple with monetary donations. Online voting is also available at [BroomfieldFoundation.org](http://BroomfieldFoundation.org) until the day before the event. All proceeds benefit the Broomfield Community Foundation.



“This event truly brings out the community spirit of Broomfield,” said Karen Smith, executive director of the Broomfield Community Foundation.

This year’s celebrity dancers are: Mike Croell, Linda Erley, Phil Kennedy, Tracy Owen, Ladonna Scheel, Tom Schiola, Brandon Smith and Penny TerHar.

The professionals coaching and teaching the celebrity dancers are: Dawn Fay and Garrett Ammon (*Ballet Nouveau Colorado*), Kelseigh Fulton (*Heritage Irish Stepdancers*), Ken Leist (*Up With People*), Stephanie McGill (*Dance Arts Studio*), Chris Meis and Jen Archer (*Ascential Dance*), Sophie and Marie Jose Payanette (*Danse Etoile Ballet*), Gerry Stevenson (*Reverence Academy of Dance*), and Carlee Taga (*Taps n’ Toes*).

For comic relief, Dave Delozier (*9News*), Heather Drake (*FlatIron Crossing*), Bruce Johnson (*Global Healthcare Exchange*) and John Long (*Broomfield High School*) will serve as judges.

General admission tickets are still available online at [www.BroomfieldFoundation.org](http://www.BroomfieldFoundation.org), or by calling 303.469.7208. Tickets are \$40 for adults, and \$20 for students (25 and under). 



## Mission Statement

The mission of the Broomfield Community Foundation is to develop charitable giving to support civic projects, human services, arts and humanities, seniors and education.

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# Meet the 2012 Broomfield “Stars” and their dance instructors...

### Linda Erley and Ken Leist

#### Ballroom Foxtrot/Swing

After moving to Colorado with Up With People (UWP) in 1993, Linda Erley fell in love with the Rocky Mountains and soon became an active Broomfield volunteer in the community, schools and church. This Louisiana transplant met her husband Bruce while both were travelling on the road with UWP. Linda and Bruce raised their three sons in the heart of Broomfield. Linda just returned from Tibet with Global Hope Network International. Linda and Bruce co-own Creative Strategies Group, a Broomfield based event marketing and sponsorship agency. She also created a website called EmptyNesterAdventures.com.

A business graduate of the University of Tulsa, Ken quickly turned his career focus to the performing arts after finding his passion for the stage while touring with UWP after college. His production experience encompasses roles both on stage and behind the scenes. He has performed in over 13 countries and on the high seas. Ken is currently the Choreographer/Associate Producer for UWP.

### Phil Kennedy and Kelseigh Fulton

#### Irish Step Dance

Phil grew up in the area and has lived in Broomfield for nine years. He enjoys family skiing with his amazing wife and four sons. His sons also keep him busy with all their athletic endeavors. Phil manages a branch of America's Mortgage in Broomfield. He is also president of the Blitz, a competitive youth football league in Broomfield.

Kelseigh recently graduated with an Elementary Education degree from the University of Northern Colorado and also graduated from Broomfield High School. She has done Irish dancing for over seven years and has taught for over five years. Kelseigh plays the violin and loves working with kids. She is currently looking for a teaching position, but in the meantime, she “dances a lot!”

### Tom Schiola and Sophie Payannet (coached by Marie-Jose Payannet)

#### Swing

Tom is a fourth grade teacher at Birch Elementary School. He has been teaching for 31 years and loves it! Tom is married to

Kathy and they have three wonderful sons, a wonderful daughter-in-law and two beautiful granddaughters. He enjoys all of our Pro sports teams and is a huge CSU fan! Tom enjoys cooking, brewing beer, music and doing home improvement projects.

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 the second place in the Colorado Dance Alliance Young Dancer Award. Sophie will be a senior at the University of Colorado in Boulder where she is majoring in Finances and Molecular Biology.

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

### Ladonna Scheel and Gerry Stephenson

#### Rumba-Cha-Cha

After teaching high school in Omaha, Ladonna, her husband and baby girl moved to Broomfield in 1968. Another daughter was born a year later and Broomfield was home. She taught dance for seven years until a knee injury ended her dancing. Her next undertaking was CU graduate school, after which she opened a Farmers Insurance agency. She enjoyed this for 30 years. A more recent knee replacement has allowed her to enjoy new ventures including retirement activities and dancing once again!

Gerry's ballroom and Latin dance studies began in Toronto Canada. He danced with the Polish White Eagle Dancers in Ontario and traveled through Poland for intense training. Gerry has taught for 30 plus years. He loves football and Hockey (a Leafs fan!). He teaches with his partner on the floor and in life, Vera.

### Mike Croell and Stephanie McGill

#### Jazz

Mike Croell has been a Broomfield resident since 1970. He is a Social Studies teacher at Broomfield High School where he graduated in 1983 and is also the ninth grade football coach and Head Girl's Basketball Coach. He has been married to his wife Susan for 19 years and they have three kids. Mike says

“It is a great thrill to be a part of the community in which I grew up in and to be able to give back to Broomfield by taking part in this great event.”

Stephanie is a native of Colorado and received her training from the Academy of Colorado Ballet and Dance Arts Studio. She majored in dance at Denver School of Arts and graduated with honors from the University of AZ with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance. Stephanie has studied with a variety of Ballet companies including the Joffrey Ballet. Stephanie teaches at Dance Arts Studio and is also a certified Pilates instructor. She is also proud to be a new mom to her amazing son.

### Penny TerHar and Dawn Fay (choreography by Garrett Ammon)

#### Contemporary

Penny is a fourth generation Colorado native and has been a Broomfield resident since 1962. She attended Broomfield schools and is a graduate of the University of Colorado-Boulder. Penny and her husband, Jack, have two beautiful daughters and two wonderful grandchildren. She has spent time fundraising, volunteering and being on boards of many different organizations in the areas of education, arts, business, sports and senior welfare. Although she loves having her home in Broomfield, Penny has a passion to experience every corner of the world.

Dawn has been the Associate Artistic Director of Ballet Nouveau Colorado for the past five years. Her professional career spanned more than twenty years including being named one of Dance Magazine's “25 to Watch” in 2007. A native of Memphis, she trained at several schools before graduating from North Carolina School of the Arts. In 2005, Dawn became a founding member of Trey McIntyre Project, dancing at festivals around the country. Dawn is married to Artistic Director Garrett Ammon.

### Tracy Owen and Chris Meis (Coached by Jen Archer, choreography by Jess Eggart)

#### Modern Dance Theatre

Tracy grew up in Broomfield. She attended Broomfield schools and Boulder Cosmetology

school. Tracy opened Salon TAO in Broomfield five years ago. She “wants to thank all of our clients and stylists (who make Salon TAO the best Salon ever), my friends, family, who are always there for me, and most of all the love and support of my husband Patrick!”

Christopher J. Meis is a native of Colorado and many thanks to his parents for their support and love. Chris has danced for eight years and acted for twelve; he studied at Red Rocks Community College and at the American Dance Festival at Duke Univ. and Holland's Univ. in NC. Now Chris Dances with Ascential Dance Theatre Colorado, B.L.A.C.K. and Poor Richard Dance. Chris is currently studying to get certified in Pilates and physical therapy.

Jen Fagan Archer is founder and curator of Ascential Dance in Colorado and is the Education Director at Cleo Parker Robinson Dance in Denver.

### Brandon Smith and Carlee Taga

#### Jazz

Brandon has lived off and on in Broomfield his entire life. He and his family love Broomfield and couldn't imagine living anywhere else. He has two great boys. His wife Dawn and he have been married 14 years. Brandon is the sales and marketing manager for First American Title insurance Company. He is a past member of the Broomfield Community Foundation's board and was very excited, happy and honored to be asked to participate in Dancing with the Broomfield Stars.

Carlee graduated in May with honors from Regis University with a degree in Biology with emphasis in Ecology and Evolution. She is currently studying for the GRE and will apply to grad school to study Biological Anthropology. In her free time she enjoys playing the piano, reading, and musical theatre. Carlee is thrilled to be back for the third time in Dancing with the Broomfield Stars and has high hopes for another great fundraiser! ❤️

## Volunteer Spotlight



### Wendy Fiedler

“Dancing with the Stars”  
Volunteer

Wendy has been volunteering in the Broomfield community since moving here in 1987. She has been involved in numerous volunteer activities and organizations throughout the years, primarily focusing on children and those in need.

She currently volunteers for the City and County of Broomfield in the Emergency Management Unit and on the Senior Strategic Planning Committee. Wendy is also active as a volunteer in the Boulder

Valley School District and the CU Parents Association.

Wendy is a 2006 Heart of Broomfield award winner for Community Service and loves helping the Broomfield Community Foundation put on Dancing with the Stars. “Dancing with the Stars not only showcases the wonderful talent we have right here in Broomfield, it also highlights how much Broomfield residents support our community.”

Wendy attended the University of Colorado – Boulder. She and her husband, Hans, have two sons. Kevin is a 2007 graduate of Broomfield High School and is currently pursuing a PhD in Physics at Cal Tech. Scott graduated from BHS in 2011 and is currently at CU - Boulder majoring in Engineering Physics and Applied Math.



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