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Dancing for the Arts Gala Performance Sold Out; Tickets Still Available for Preview and Matinee

Tickets for Friday night preview and Saturday matinee are \$25 each and include light refreshments; attendees will see full dance routines and can also vote for their favorite dancer to receive "People's Choice" award.

[Bel Air, MD] October 28, 2015—Anyone anxious to see local citizens transformed into ballroom dancers better hurry: the November 21 Gala performance of the "Dancing for the Arts" show has already sold out and tickets for the other shows are selling quickly. Seating is currently still open for the preview show on Friday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. and the matinee performance on Saturday, November 21 at 2:00 p.m.

According to event organizers, a limited number of tickets for the sold out Saturday night black tie-optional gala are available with certain levels of sponsorship. Tickets for the preview and matinee are \$25 and include the signature dance competition along with performances by national recording artist Elio Scaccio and the Maryland School of Ballet and Modern Dance. Guests can enjoy coffee, tea, lemonade and treats from Flavor Cupcakery; a cash bar will also be available. All shows take place at the Maryland Golf and Country Clubs in Bel Air, and doors open 30 minutes prior to each performance.

Dancing for the Arts is a benefit event for the Center for the Arts, the non-profit organization working to build a new visual and performing arts center in Harford County. It challenges local citizens to learn and perform a ballroom dance then compete to win trophies for technical skill (Judges' Choice), Top Fundraiser and People's Choice, an award decided by the votes of attendees at each performance. Each participant also has a personal fundraising goal. Visit the Center for the Arts website under the [Dancing for the Arts tab](#) to learn more about the dancers and support their fundraising efforts.

All are invited to meet dancers in this year's competition during a special event at Liberatore's in Bel Air taking place November 16 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Winners of dancers' raffles will be announced over the course of the evening, including the drawings for a 14 karat white gold diamond halo pendant from Saxon's Jewelers; a four-

night beach getaway package including beach tote, accessories and restaurant gift card; a stand-up paddleboard party for six; and an in-home, catered gourmet meal for eight to 10 guests.

Interim CEO of the Center for the Arts Carolyn Evans is a co-chair of the event as well as a former celebrity dancer. She says, "We are so excited to showcase the talents of our dancers. It is a testament to their skill and charisma, as well as the enthusiasm this community has for the arts, that the Gala has sold out so quickly." Dr. Mary Teddy Wray of Laurel Bush Family Dentistry, the other event co-chair and also a former dancer, adds, "Just like learning a dance, the mission to build a Center for the Arts is literally a step-by-step process. This event brings us closer to the construction phase of the project, and each dancer and business partner can take pride in knowing their efforts directly contributed to creating this building."

Evans says the event would not be possible without the support of sponsors including:

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Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are still available, with a deadline of November 1 to be included in the program. For additional information, to support a dancer, or to purchase tickets to the preview or matinee, visit www.harfordcfa.org and click on Dancing for the Arts.

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About the Center for the Arts (www.harfordcfa.org) –Founded in 2005, the Center for the Arts is a nonprofit organization dedicated to establishing a permanent site for performance, display, and education in the arts in Harford County, Maryland. The mission of the Center for the Arts is to nurture art and artists, and positively impact the community at large by providing a broad range of experiences in music, dance, theater, visual and literary arts.

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

2015Dancers800px: Some of this year's Dancing for the Arts contestants and their partners. The event challenges local citizens to learn and perform a ballroom dance as a fundraiser for the Center for the Arts. Pictured left to right: Instructor Tom Rzepnicki of Dancing with Friends Studio and Kathy Heidelmaier of It's Payday; Bob Rich of Saxon's Jewelers and Linda Rich of Exit Preferred Realty; David Lockhart of Boeing and Instructor Natasha Pollock of Dancing with Friends Studio; Chris Moore of the Zayo Group and Lynn Moore, Creative Consultant.

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ElioScaccio: National recording artist Elio Scaccio is one of the featured entertainers at the 2015 Dancing for the Arts performances.