



**Press Release: Blowing Rock Leadership Challenge 2011 Presents DANCING WITH THE HIGH COUNTRY STARS**

**Eight Local Celebs Get Ready to Rhumba to Benefit Four Local Charities**

**Blowing Rock, NC** – Who will be voted the High Country’s best celebrity dancer? Which local stars have the right moves to rule the dance floor? Find out on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> when the 2011 Blowing Rock Leadership Challenge Class presents DANCING WITH THE HIGH COUNTRY STARS at the Hayes Performing Arts Center in Blowing Rock.

Inspired by the hit ABC-TV show DANCING WITH THE STARS, Dancing with the High Country Stars will feature eight local celebrities paired with some of the area’s finest professional dancers in a competition program during which the audience will vote for their favorite celebrity dancer. Each dance pair will have two dances to wow the crowd and judges.

The event will benefit the following local charities:

- Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S
- Blowing Rock Community Foundation
- Hayes Performing Arts Center
- Watauga Humane Society

Tickets are currently on sale for \$50 and can be purchased any of the following ways:

- Online by visiting “Buy Tickets” at [www.dancingwiththehighcountrystars.com](http://www.dancingwiththehighcountrystars.com)
- Visiting the Hayes Performing Arts Center
- Calling: 828.295.9627

The featured celebrity dancers include: Aaron Miller and Eric Brown (dancing for Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S), Lauren Carter and Chuck Lambeth (dancing for Blowing Rock Community Foundation), Shellie Karaus and Gwen Dhing (dancing for Watauga Humane Society) and Dr. Janet Speer and Todd Morgan (dancing for Hayes Performing Arts Center).

**Pre-event online donations** - Be sure to visit “Donate to a Dancer” at [www.dancingwiththehighcountrystars.com](http://www.dancingwiththehighcountrystars.com) in advance of the competition to help your dancer raise money (and votes) prior to the event on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Event Details:**

When: September 29, 2011 at 7:30 pm

Where: Hayes Performing Arts Center – Blowing Rock, NC

Price: \$50 per ticket

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