



## **A FESTIVE EVENING OF DINNER AND DANCE: PLYMOUTH HOUSING GROUP ANNOUNCES THIRD ANNUAL *SEATTLE DANCES!* WITH LOCAL CELEBRITY DANCERS**

*Eight local luminaries will perform to support housing programs for Seattle's chronically homeless*

**Seattle, Wash. (November 30, 2011)**– Plymouth Housing Group, a local non-profit providing low income housing, announces the third annual *Seattle Dances!* for 2012, taking place at Fremont Studios on Saturday, March 3, 2012. Back by popular demand, the event supports housing programs for chronically homeless people, and features a festive dinner, silent and live auction and a celebrity dance competition, where eight local luminaries will perform for the chance to win the Mirror Ball Trophy.

“We are thrilled to announce the continuation of *Seattle Dances!*,” said Plymouth Housing Group’s Paul Lambros. “Last year’s event did a great job of showcasing local community leaders committing their time, talent and passion to supporting a cause that is near to our hearts. We are very appreciative for the continued support of local community leaders.”

Inspired by America’s popular reality TV dance show, “Dancing with the Stars,” *Seattle Dances!* will feature eight Seattle-area luminaries who will train and perform with professional dance partners from the Century Ballroom. Local celebrity dancers include **Carese Busby**, Seattle Bank; **Dr. Richard Baxter**, Calidora Skin Clinics; **Susie Detmer**, Commercial Real Estate Solutions/Cushman & Wakefield; **Laura Lohman**, Seneca Group; **Ian MacNeil**, Lachselian Distillery; **Barb Nystrom**, Columbia West Properties; **Nancy Pellegrino**, Citi Private Bank; and **John Rubino**, GreenRubino. All dancer profile pages can be found at [www.SeattleDances.org](http://www.SeattleDances.org).

This year’s professional dancers include Michelle Badion, Johnny Spangler, Michael Cahn, Alison Cockrill, Deron Hayes, Mark Kihara, Joshua Sturgeon and Jonathan Wingard-Phillips. The show will be produced by Century Ballroom owner, **Hallie Kuperman**. The audience will “vote” for their favorite dance couples with monetary pledges, and Mirror Ball Trophies will be awarded to those who score highest in one of the three following categories:

- **People’s Choice Award:** The People’s Choice Award will be presented to the couple who raises the most monetary “votes” at the event.
- **Judges’ Choice Award:** The Judges’ Choice Award will be presented to the couple who is the most accomplished, personable and/or energetic and passionate dancers as voted on by our celebrity judges.
- **Cyber Choice Award:** The Cyber Choice Award will be presented to the couple who raises the most monetary “votes” online before the event.

“Due to the huge success of last year, we are anticipating to see even more of our community participate this year,” said *Seattle Dances!* event co-chair and Plymouth Housing Group Board Member Maria Royer of Real Retail.

*“Seattle Dances!* really offers our guests an evening they will remember for years to come, with amazing food, wine and entertainment all while supporting Plymouth Housing Group.”

As part of the festivities, **Marlys Erickson** and **Christine Hurley** will be celebrated as the 2012 Honorees. Marlys Erickson currently serves as the executive director of the Pike Place Market Foundation. Christine Hurley previously served as the director of Bailey-Boushay House at Virginia Mason Medical. In addition, **Shelley & the Curves** will perform live at an event after-party.

Back by popular demand, **Patti Payne**, longtime radio personality and columnist for the Puget Sound Business Journal, will serve as mistress of ceremonies and **Kevin Joyce**, of Teatro ZinZanni fame and Enjoy Productions, will serve as auctioneer. Sponsors for the evening include **Safeco Insurance** as the Mirror Ball Trophy presenting sponsor and **Seattle Magazine** as the event’s media sponsor. To find out who will be lending commentary during the event for the Judges’ Choice Award, to be announced in early January, please visit our website at [www.seattledances.org](http://www.seattledances.org).

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#### **About Plymouth Housing Group**

Plymouth Housing Group works to eliminate homelessness and stabilize homeless and very low-income people in housing by preserving, developing and operating safe, decent, affordable housing and by providing opportunities for homeless and very low-income people to improve their lives. Learn more at [www.seattledances.org](http://www.seattledances.org), and visit the blog and Facebook page. Tickets will go on sale December 15, 2011, and online voting starts January 19, 2012.

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