Arts and Cultural Trust’s “Dancing for the Arts-Take VIII” returns in 2019 for youth arts education!

Dancing for the Arts-Take VIII is back with Rochester celebrities going toe-to-toe to benefit youth arts education and the programs/services of the Trust on Saturday evening, April 13th at the Mayo Civic Center in Ballroom 1.

Paired with professional dancers from Dahl Dance, our Take VIII local celebrities are:

Lori Carrell - Chancellor, University of MN Rochester
Don Charlson- Financial Advisor, Edward Jones
Chris Fierst- Owner, The Half Barrel Bar and Bar Buffalo
Mike Jensen- President, Gauthier Industries
Jay Jewson- Broker/Owner, Weichert Realtors-Jewson Properties of Rochester & Wabasha
Eric Kerska- Chief, City of Rochester Fire Department
Nick McLaughlin- Entrepreneur, Founder of Stationary Astronaut
Mike Jensen- President, Gauthier Industries
Mark Pagnano M.D.- Surgeon and Chair of the Department of Orthopedics, Mayo Clinic
Stacey Rizza, M.D.- Physician, Division of Infectious Diseases, Mayo Clinic and President-elect, Mayo Clinic Staff

Our Take VII professional dancers representing Dahl Dance are:

Gary Dahl, April Dahl, Mike Anderson, Daniel Robb, Joanie Mix-Lande, April Robb, Summer Laqua, Hannah Krystosek, Nicole Anaya and Cassandra Narr.

Celebrity Judges are Lisa Clarke (Executive Director, DMC Economic Development Agency), Kevin Torgerson (Sheriff, Olmsted County) and Sharon Gentling (National award winning competitive ballroom dancer).

Emcees will be Laura Lee (News Anchor, ABC 6 KAAL-TV and first year’s Judges Choice winner) and Michael Anthony- Vice-President of Student Affairs at RCTC and 2018 Judges’ Choice winner).

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Mayor Kim Norton will present the awards- the DFTA trophy for most money raised, the Judges’ Choice Award and Community Support Award.

Table seating (10 per table) will include a plated dinner catered by Pinnacle Catering, the event and dancing to follow at a cost of $125. Dessert tickets will include dessert, the event and dancing to follow at a cost of $50.

Desserts provided by Pinnacle Catering.

Tickets will be available for purchase beginning March 1st through the Greater Rochester Arts and Cultural Trust’s website at www.RochArtsTrust.org or in person at the Arts and Cultural Trust-located in the Rochester Convention and Visitors Office-Skyway level-Mayo Civic Center-Suite 200.

Voting will be available online pre-event as well as at the event. OneCause (formerly BidPal) is used for electronic voting or paper ballots can be downloaded from the website. The auditors of RSM will provide oversight of the tabulation.

Following the event, attendees are invited to stay and dance.

The mission of the Greater Rochester Arts and Cultural Trust is enriching the Greater Rochester area by ensuring the continuation of the celebration, promotion and advocacy of the arts and humanities.