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Dancing With Local Stars

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Curtain Call, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and contributions toward this event may qualify as a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes. Your individual receipt (to be sent after the event) will specify how much qualifies as a charitable deduction. For more information, please call 203-329-8207 x11.

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Say ‘I do’ to wedding expo, fashion show Sunday

The beginning of spring also marks the beginning of wedding season and Arthur Murray Grande Ballroom of Greenwich plans to kick it off in style with a wedding services expo and bridal fashion show this Sunday, April 28.

The expo will take place from noon to 3 p.m. and will feature a champagne bridal brunch and a fashion show for bridal gown, maid of honor, mother of bride and groom styles.

It will include wedding wear from exclusive lines such as Fontana Couture, Richards of Greenwich and Saks Fifth Avenue.

The Arthur Murray Grande Ballroom of Greenwich is the number one Connecticut-based dance lessons service listed on theknot.com, the Internet’s most-trafficked one-stop wedding planning solution.

But The Grande Ballroom does much more than provide dance lessons and demonstrate techniques to prospective brides and grooms. The studio’s wedding specialists meet with each couple to discuss wedding details, including details of the bridal gown, custom routines for the first dance as well as dances with mothers and fathers, and bridal party group dances for the reception.

Christine Georgopulo, owner and president of the ballroom, says her wedding specialists tailor dances to the tone, location, dance-floor size, dress feel and bridal song. The Ballroom’s wedding routines include many exciting dance styles, such as traditional ballroom, merengue, cha cha, salsa, jitterbug and samba.

“Our expo is a great way to learn how we can help you to personalize your wedding so you can enjoy it in a style that suits you and your celebration best,” Ms. Georgopulo said. “If you have the time to go to only one wedding expo for your big night, make it ours. It’s the only place you’ll find the best of what the cream of Connecticut’s wedding service providers have to offer brides all at the same time.”

To add to the excitement that every soon-to-be-married bride and groom feels, the expo will feature auctions, raffles, and giveaways for each participating couple.

Couples will have plenty of time to sample the best of what Greenwich has to offer. The expo will include food from local favorites L’escale for fine dining and Sweet Lisa’s Exquisite Cakes for dessert.

Participants in the expo can also sample photographers such as Sarah Geiger Photography, florists such as McArdle’s and printers including Therese Saint Clair.

Couples interested in a wedding registry can meet with Hoagland’s representatives.