

## **Roster fills up for Skate-Aid**

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Two-time U.S. ice dance champions Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto have released the final list of athletes who will perform in Skate-Aid, 7 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

All proceeds from the 2 1/2 -hour figure skating show will go to the Red Cross International Response Fund for tsunami relief.

Tickets are \$20 (children \$15) at the box office or by calling 734-453-6400. A few premier tickets are available for \$100. They include front-row seating and a post-show reception with the skaters.

The list of committed skaters:

- Singles: Victor Petrenko, Johnny Weir, Tim Goebel, Amber Corwin, Evan Lysacek, Fedor Andreev, Alissa Czisny and Dan Hollander.

- Pair teams: Katie Orscher and Garrett Lucash; Rena Inoue and John Baldwin; Tiffany Scott and Philip Dulebohn.

- Dance teams: Belbin and Agosto; Liz Punsalan and Jerod Swallow; Megan Wing and Aaron Lowe.

- Synchronized teams: Team Elan of the Detroit Skating Club (senior team) and the Gems (novice team) from the Plymouth Skating Club.

Belbin said most skaters will perform either a competitive free skate or a show program. She and Agosto will perform their acclaimed Russian Gypsy free dance that earned the duo nine 6.0s for artistry at last week's nationals.

"There were concerns that organizing this would take too much time, but it has given us more energy," she said. "It's actually helping us. We feel great to be able to put something like this together."

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