

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CONTACT:

Bob Sadler
(313) 833-7937 or (313) 819-5761 (cell)
bobsadler@detroithistorical.org

**THE HISTORIC WESTIN BOOK CADILLAC TO HOST THE
2008 DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY BALL ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH**

Be a part of history at the **2008 Detroit Historical Society Ball** on **Friday, December 5th** from **6:30 p.m. - midnight** at the **Westin Book Cadillac Hotel Detroit**. The Society is the first charity hosting a black tie event at the hotel following their grand reopening. And if that wasn't enough, the Ball features the chance to see famous Detroiters take to the floor in a "Dancing with Detroit's Stars" competition.

The event is co-chaired by **Mary Ann Bury** of Grosse Pointe Park, **Marianne Endicott** of Grosse Pointe Shores and **Sydell Schubot** of Franklin. In addition, **Monica Gayle** of **Fox 2 News** will serve as mistress of ceremonies. Confirmed dancers competing at the event include the following:

- **Jon Barfield**, Chairman and President of The Bartech Group, and Vivian Carpenter
- **Florine Mark**, President and Chairman of The WW Group, Inc and her partner Don Benyas.
- **Vince Paul**, President and Artistic Director, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, and his wife Meg Paul.
- **Barbara Rom**, Attorney at Law, Pepper Hamilton LLP, and her partner, Ronald Davis.
- **Devin Scillian**, WDIV-TV Local 4 News anchor, and his wife Corey Scillian.
- **Rhonda Walker**, WDIV-TV Local 4 News morning anchor, and her partner Robert Shumake.

This year's Ball also includes a silent auction, with all proceeds from the event and auction supporting the Society's exhibition and educational programs at both the Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

For tickets or information, call Alison Piech at **(313) 833-0481**. Benefactor tickets are \$600/person, with Patron level tickets at \$400 and Junior Patron level (for Society friends 35 and under) at \$250. Premium tables can be purchased for \$10,000, with Platinum tables available for \$7,500 and Gold tables for \$4,000.

A special thanks to **Fred Astaire Studios of Bloomfield Hills** where introductory dance lessons are being offered at a special rate with proceeds supporting the Society. For more information, contact Evan Mountain at **(248) 454-1715**.

Our Community Sponsor for the 2008 Ball is **JP Morgan Chase**, with **Comerica Bank** as the Valet Sponsor, **Wolverine Packing** as the Auction Sponsor, **Miller Canfield** as the Dance Sponsor, **St. John Health** as the Dessert Sponsor, and **Hour Detroit** and **Fox 2** as media sponsors. **Penske Corporation, James Nicholson/PVS Chemical** and **Francis W. McMillan** are Premium Table Sponsors. **The Chrysler Foundation** and **Meriwether Capital** are Platinum Table Sponsors. **Bank of America, Mr. & Mrs. Charles M. Bayer Jr., Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Mr. and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Buhl, Ed & Judy Christian, Clark Hill PLC Attorneys at Law, DTE Energy, Marianne Endicott, Mr. and Mrs. James T. McMillan II, O'Brien Edwards Construction Co.** and **Toyota Motor Sales USA** are Gold Table Sponsors.

###