

TICKETS ON SALE FOR BLACK TIE BLUE JEANS SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

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PHOTO: Nye Express, shown performing at a past BTBJ event, will provide music for the 23rd annual Rocky Mountain College scholarship benefit.

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BILLINGS – Rocky Mountain College will celebrate “Golden Futures” when it holds its 23rd annual Black Tie Blue Jeans scholarship benefit on Friday, Nov. 5, 2010, at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center.

Tickets are on sale now for the event that features live and silent auctions, a gourmet dinner, and dancing.

“This year’s theme focuses on the kind of future Rocky provides its students,” said Vicki Davison, RMC director of major gifts. “Rocky grads face golden futures and our futures are definitely brighter because of them.”

Davison said this year’s auction offers “fantastic vacation packages -- including trips to Europe and Mexico -- art by Russell Chatham and Kevin Red Star, and tickets to the Cat/Griz game and the Broncos/Rams.”

This year’s BTBJ Honorary Chairs are Jim and Janet Haar, who have been longtime Rocky supporters. Jim is chairman of High Tech Construction; Janet is High Tech’s chief financial officer. The Haars have been energetic supporters of many community projects. Janet serves on committees for St. Vincent’s Healthcare, Billings Clinic, and Relay for Life. Jim has been involved with the Billings Chamber of Commerce, served in Boy Scouts, and the MSU College of Technology National Advisory Board.

Plans for the benefit forged ahead with “fantastic cooperation and participation from many friends of the College,” said Davison.

“I found a key ingredient to what makes things work at Rocky Mountain College. To quote the Beatles’ song: ‘I get by with a little help from my friends.’”

Those friends, she said, include co-chairs Chris Dorr and Mary Underriner, who are also both members of the RMC Board.

The steering committee includes some familiar faces from past BTBJ events along with some new faces. Jim Gainan took charge of theme and decorations; Jan Dietrich, Nicki Larsen and Kelsey Larsen-Daer handled the live auction; Kathy Cross, Darla Jones and Kathy Pierce organized the silent auction; Stella Ziegler took care of dinner arrangements; and Karen Stensrud was responsible for staging.

Music is provided this year by Nye Express, a popular group that performed at the 2003 BTBJ.

For complete information on sponsors, auction items and to buy tickets, visit www.blacktiebluejeans.com. For tickets, call 657-1005.