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## **ABC's "Skating with the Stars" Champion Fred Palascak Headlines 2011 Winter Games Figure Skating Show**

*Tickets available online or at locations in North Adams and Williamstown*

WOBURN, MA – The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation is excited to announce today that Fred Palascak, champion of ABC's "Skating with the Stars", will perform with his partner Melanie Lambert as the featured skaters of the 2011 Bay State Skate Figure Skating Show on Saturday, January 29 at 7:30pm at Williams College in Williamstown, MA.

After three successful seasons together as amateur competitors, which included two US Eastern gold medals and one US National medal, Lambert and Palascak are closing in on 12 years together as professional performers. The duo has travelled the world as a professional skating team, having performed in over 20 different countries. They have toured the United States as a principle team with Disney on Ice, Footloose on Ice, and have performed in numerous theme parks and holiday shows. Internationally, Lambert and Palascak have performed on two Royal Caribbean cruise ships, in theme parks in Germany and Hong Kong, and in four productions of the European and Asian touring company Holiday on Ice. Most recently, the pair has become a staple in reality television starring as professional partners to celebrity skaters. In Britain, they performed in four series of Torvill and Dean's "Dancing on Ice". In 2007, Lambert, along with her celebrity partner, became the Season Two "Dancing on Ice" champion. Palascak recently took part in the first series of ABC's "Skating with the Stars", and along with his celebrity partner, Rebecca Budig, was named the Season One winner.

The Bay State Skate also features national, state and regional skating stars, as well as medal winners from the 2011 Winter Games.

Tickets are now available at the Bay State Games website – [www.baystategames.org](http://www.baystategames.org) – and at the following locations in North Adams and Williamstown: Where'd You Get That!?, North Adams City Hall and North Adams Vietnam Veterans Memorial Rink. Tickets will also be sold at the Williams College Ice Rink on Friday, January 28 and all day before the show on Saturday, January 29.

Scheduled for January 28-30, 2011, the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Bay State Winter Games feature figure skating, alpine skiing and ice hockey, which will be held at Williams College, the North Adams Vietnam Veterans Rink and Bousquet Ski Area, respectively.

### ***About the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation***

*The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established in 1982 to host the first sanctioned state games of the commonwealth. It operates with the mission of promoting personal development, education, physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship to Massachusetts citizens of all ages and abilities. The Foundation is recognized nationwide for holding high-quality, Olympic-style events through the Bay State Summer and Winter Games, as well as educational programs including the Kids Fitness Challenge, High School Spirit Program and Future Leaders Scholarship. With more than 65,000 people from 300 cities and towns directly participating in its programs each year, the Foundation is an integral part of the lives of citizens across the commonwealth.*

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