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## Starshine to boost charities



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Lenny DeMuro, a volunteer for Academy Night, gets in the spirit of celebrating the Academy Awards with the help of Nicole Kidman and Daniel Craig.—EARL BRECHLIN PHOTO

BAR HARBOR — The Maine Sea Coast Mission and the Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center are co-hosting “Academy Night” at Reel Pizza Cinerama in Bar Harbor and The Grand Auditorium in Ellsworth on Sunday, Feb. 22, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and lasting until the conclusion of the Academy Awards broadcast.

Hors d'oeuvres provided by about 35 restaurants, caterers, and cooks along with more than 20 door prizes including four round-trip air tickets to Florida from Bangor will be available at each location.

There also will be prizes for the most elegantly dressed attendee, and the best costume from a movie nominated for an Academy Award this year. A complimentary glass of champagne will be provided, and beer and wine will be available for purchase at Reel Pizza, while there will be a cash bar available at The Grand.

Proceeds will benefit the services in Hancock and Washington counties offered by the two sponsoring organizations.

Tickets cost \$25 for a basic ticket; \$15 for a senior citizen or student ticket; and \$50 for a patron ticket. The names of sponsors and patrons will appear on a PowerPoint slideshow on the theater screens from 6:30 p.m. until the beginning of the Oscars at 8 p.m.

Sponsors to date include MGM, Poor Boy's Gourmet in Bar Harbor, Coastline Homes Columbia, Dead River Company, The First, Dreamworks, Freshwater Stone, and the Holiday Inn in Ellsworth.

Tickets are available in advance at the Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center, the Maine Sea Coast Mission, Reel Pizza, and The Grand or at the theaters on the night of the Academy Awards. They can also be purchased by credit card by calling Sarah Clemens at 288-5097.

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