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→ Figure Skating in Harlem benefit brings out skating luminaries




What an embarrassment of riches! Last night, I attended Figure Skating in Harlem's *Skating with the Stars* benefit. **Figure Skating in Harlem** is a girls development program that combines ice skating with academic studies. This is their annual fundraiser at Wollman Rink in Central Park and skating and nonskating celebrities came out in full force to support the program. This is where the embarrassment of riches comes in for me -- Dorothy Hamill, Evan Lysacek, Johnny Weir, Jeremy Abbott, Alissa Czisny, Rachael Flatt, Todd Eldredge, Tanith Belbin, Ben Agosto, Timothy Goebel, Melissa Gregory, Denis Petukov, Sarah Hughes, Kimmie Meissner, JoJo Starbuck and Tai Babilonia (the honoree this year, along with First Lady of New York Michelle Paterson) were all on hand to skate with the attendees and I had the chance to interview them individually on camera. Who did I miss because I was running around like a lunatic trying to catch everyone? Alissa, Kimmie, JoJo, Sarah and Timothy -- darn it! Next time for sure. Today I'll be busy looking through the video and hundreds of photos that we shot to share with you all. In the meantime, here's one of my fav moments -- Alissa, Jeremy and Rachael in "civilian clothes" on the red carpet.


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