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## NDI Remembers Carolyn George d'Amboise 1927 - 2009



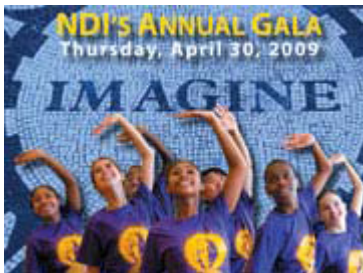
A long-legged Texas glimmer of sunlight, at Highland Park High she led her basketball team to the State Championships. A leader in the swim team; modern dance and ballet; Summer Stock with the Light Opera; a member of the rifle team. Nothing was going to

stop her from coming to Broadway.

She had her dream. Broadway shows *Bloomer Girl*, *Oklahoma*, *Call Me Madam* and *Shinbone Alley*. And the ballet. A principal with San Francisco Ballet, a soloist with New York City Ballet. Her interests and accomplishments extended: a founding member of **National Dance Institute**, a world traveler and [photographer](#). She founded her own exercise dance group known to this day as Carrie's Mob. She brought to her husband Jacques four exquisite children, nurtured, polished and launched them. And best of all, and perhaps most difficult, she brought the best out of her husband and made it better.

[More about Carrie.](#)

## NDI Will Honor Yoko Ono at Annual Gala on April 30



NDI will be honoring artist and activist **Yoko Ono** at its **Annual Gala, Thursday, April 30, 2009**. Throughout her life, Yoko Ono has tirelessly committed herself to peace and to creating a better world, and with this honor, NDI recognizes her

indomitable spirit and unyielding passion for human and civil rights.

[More info on NDI's Gala.](#)

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## Save These Dates!

**April 30**

NDI's Annual Gala  
NOKIA Theatre Times  
Square, NYC [More info.](#)

**June 20--22**

2009 Event of the Year  
*A Celebration of John  
Lennon*  
LaGuardia HS Concert Hall,  
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## NDI Alumni Come Together for First Annual Homecoming



On **Saturday, February 28**, more than 40 **National Dance Institute Alumni** gathered for the first annual **Homecoming** at LaGuardia High School. In addition to reuniting with old friends, the alumni participated in and observed SWAT/Celebration Team rehearsals, watched a preview of new choreography being developed for the 2009 Event of the Year: A Celebration of John Lennon; and danced to some classic works from NDI's repertoire, including "Jump," "Ballroom," "Clog," and "Other Side of My World." Founder Jacques d'Amboise also taught the group some choreography. [See Photos.](#)

## Kenneth Cole AWEARNESS Event Raises Funds for NDI



On **February 13**, **Kenneth Cole SoHo** hosted an **AWEARNESS Charity Shopping Event** to benefit National Dance Institute. From 4 PM to 8 PM, 20% of sales were donated to NDI. Shoppers were treated to lively performance demonstrations by the children of NDI throughout the event. [See photos.](#)



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