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Celebration Team in 2007 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Live on Broadway and on NBC Television



The children of NDI will perform in the 2007 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. [Click here for a PDF](#) of Where, When and How to see the parade.

NDI will also be featured in a special **Parade Preview** on **NBC News Channel 4** **Wednesday, November 21, 7:30 PM**

Jacques d'Amboise Inducted Into Academy of Arts & Sciences



On October 6, NDI Founder **Jacques d'Amboise** was inducted into the prestigious **Academy of Arts and Sciences**, Cambridge, MA.

The Academy was founded in 1780 under George Washington before the end of the war for Independence, "to cultivate every art and science that may tend to advance the interest, honor, dignity and happiness of a free, independent and virtuous people."

To view the complete list of Jacques' fellow Academy members click here: [Academy Member List](#)

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2007 Sylvia Gilman Teacher of the Year: Neal Kirkwood



Congratulations to Teaching Artist/Musician Neal Kirkwood, recipient of NDI's **2007 Sylvia Gilman Teacher of the Year Award**, sponsored by **The Howard Gilman Foundation**.

Neal Kirkwood has been making music with NDI since 1990. He is a composer and pianist, serving as a band leader and arranger for the Neal Kirkwood Octet, the

Chromatic Persuaders, and the Discovery Orchestra.

This past year, Neal embarked upon a unique collaboration with 4th grade students from PS 199 on Manhattan's Upper West Side and PS 161 in the Bronx: the creation of a song cycle entitled *Village Songs*. The *Village Songs* project was made possible by a grant from the New York State Music Fund, which was established through Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors with settlement money from New York state's investigations of music companies for payola. [More info.](#)

Arts Encounter

21 children, ages 5-6, participated in NDI's **Arts Encounter Workshop**, October 22-25. Children learned energetic dances, were taught music and rhythm by an NDI musician, and made costumes for a culminating performance for their cheering parents. [Photos.](#)



NDI will offer a new **10-week Arts Encounter class**, Mondays 4-5 PM beginning in January. For more information, [click here.](#)

Affiliate News: North Carolina Arts in Action

NDI Teaching Artist Kay Gayner has been appointed Artistic Director of the NDI Affiliate, **North Carolina Arts in Action**. She will continue in her role as a member of NDI's Artistic Staff.



Founded in 2005, **North Carolina Arts in Action** is dedicated to transforming the lives of children through arts education, providing instruction in dance, music, fine arts and experience in live performance for children of all means. [More info.](#)
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