

NDI performs at Symphony Space

On Nov. 1, at Peter Jay Sharpe Theater at Peter Norton Symphony Space on Manhattan's Upper West Side, National Dance Institute's Celebration Team, NDI's most advanced dancers, brought another exuberant, multi-cultural performance to the stage.

Back by popular demand, for the fourth year in a row, more than 50 children, ages eight to 15, performed original choreography highlighted by colorful costumes and live music.

The performance featured excerpts from NDI's acclaimed 2008 Event of the Year, *Volando a México*, an original musical production inspired by a partnership formed by NDI and ConArte in Mexico City that explores the culture of Mexico, as well as selected works from NDI's repertory, and a preview of the 2008-2009 season celebrating the life and music of John Lennon.

This performance is part of the Just Kidding! series, designed to bring exciting weekly children's events to Symphony Space.

Symphony Space fosters artistically and culturally diverse performing arts, literacy, and film programs that bring artists together in an atmosphere of exploration and intimacy.

National Dance Institute is a not-for-profit organization founded in the belief that the arts have a unique power to engage children and motivate them towards excellence.

Using professional artists and a distinctive combination of dance classes and performances integrated with music, literature and the visual arts, children learn how to work together to reach for their personal best.



Dancers from the National Dance Institute's Celebration Team perform at Symphony Space.

More than two million children have participated in NDI programs. NDI was founded by Jacques d'Amboise, and since 1995 has been under the artistic leadership of Ellen Weinstein. For more information, please log on to www.nationaldance.org.