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More than 200 Talented Dancers from Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn and the Bronx will Perform at the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the National Dance Institute

National Dance Institute (NDI), continues to celebrate its 40th Anniversary at its 2016 Event of the Year at NYU Skirball Center for the Performing Arts (located at 566 LaGuardia Place, New York, NY 10012) on Sunday, June 12th at 2pm and 5pm and with a benefit show on Monday, June 13th at 6:30pm.



The event of the Year will bring together more than 200

talented dancers from NYC public schools from across

Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn and the Bronx for an end-of-school year performance. The theme of this year's Event of the Year, *Words with Wings*, is the power of poetry. The program will feature spoken word artist Aja Monet as well as new choreography and music inspired by a wide range of poets including Dr. Seuss, Shel Silverstein, Maya Angelou and more. The students will perform for audiences 4,600 strong, including 1,600 public school children from NDI's In-School Program who will attend free of charge.

NDI is a non-profit arts education organization that was founded in 1976 by New York City ballet principal dancer Jacques d'Amboise. For 40 years, NDI has been bringing its immersive arts education program to children

from Queens to the Bronx, Brooklyn Heights to Washington Heights, Chinatown to Harlem, and everywhere in between, in the belief that the arts can motivate a child to excellence. For the majority

of students – many of whom come from low-income families and are attending under-resourced elementary and middle schools – this is their very first experience in the arts. On the surface, one might think NDI is about perfecting technique and learning the rigor of dance, when at the core, this program is about children connecting through the art of music and movement and learning how to become their

best selves. Each week, NDI impacts the lives of more than 6,000 children in 40 New York City schools through free, in-school dance and music classes, filling a critical gap in public school education.

