

**national dance institute**  
45 YEARS OF INSPIRING CHILDREN THROUGH THE ARTS

**45** virtualgala



**MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021**

**7:00 PM EDT**

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Norvin congratulates tonight's honorees  
**Helen Stambler Neuberger and  
Jim Neuberger.**

*What a team!*

And to our dear friends Mimi and Arnold...  
*You are stars!*



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# **national dance institute**

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**Jacques d'Amboise**  
Founder & President

**Ellen Weinstein**  
Artistic Director

And the **Board of Directors** invite you to celebrate National Dance Institute's



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**HONORING**  
**Helen Stambler Neuberger and Jim Neuberger**

**WITH JOYFUL PERFORMANCES BY**  
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**AND A SPECIAL TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF**  
**Shirley Young**

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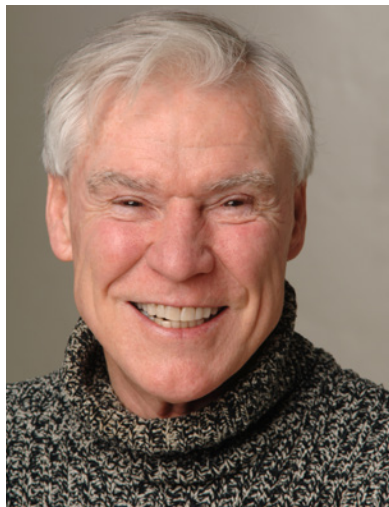
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## A Message From Our Founder

### **GOOD**

"Good" ..... as in good health

"Good" ..... as in good heart

"Good" ..... as in good soul

"Good" ..... as in doing good

"Good" ..... as in sharing good

"Good" ..... as in good friends, as are you

"Good" is a good word to have

**Jacques d'Amboise**

*Founder & President, National Dance Institute*



## A Message From Our Artistic Director

Dear Friends,

Welcome to National Dance Institute's 45th Anniversary Gala. We are thrilled to be sharing this special milestone with you.

In preparing for tonight's celebration, a beautiful slideshow of NDI moments has been playing in my head—the people, the performances, and the transformations mark the years like stars in

a brilliant NDI constellation...each memory and achievement accompanied by overwhelming gratitude.

NDI's success and the impact it has made in delivering the best in arts education did not happen on its own. A collective of extraordinary individuals ensured that NDI was poised to arrive at this very day—strong, determined, and ever-faithful to our mission.

First among them is our beloved founder, Jacques d'Amboise, the visionary who dazzles us with his sheer brilliance, his incomparable talent, and his big, kind, generous heart.

And none of what we achieve would be possible without our superb staff, our dynamic and dedicated board of directors, and all of you, our loyal friends and supporters. Your unwavering commitment to our children is heart-lifting and appreciated beyond measure.

This past year has marked one of the most difficult in our history. But NDI forged forward undeterred, ever more attuned to the social, emotional, and physical needs of the children we serve, and to the role we play in making the world a more just and humane place in which to live. We vow to always do more.

As we look to the next 45 years, I thank you for being by our side, for believing that the arts are vital to a child's education, and for giving generations of young learners the skills and opportunities that will help them choreograph a future filled with creativity, empathy, and possibilities.

With enduring gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellen Weinstein". The script is fluid and elegant, with a small dot above the 'i' in Weinstein.

Ellen Weinstein  
Artistic Director

# STARCHILD PROGRAM

**Help our children reach for the stars!** National Dance Institute's arts education programs transform the lives of thousands of New York City public school children and their families each year. With your support of our StarChild Program, we will be able to bring the magic and joy of the arts to even more children.



## **\$25,000 ADOPT A SCHOOL**

For 45 years, NDI has been a steadfast partner of New York City public schools. Your generosity will help bring our joyful and engaging arts and learning programs to an entire grade of children for a full year.



## **\$10,000 ADOPT A CLASS**

This year, NDI is inspiring students online in their classrooms, living rooms, kitchens, and backyards throughout New York. Your support will make it possible for an entire class (from wherever they are learning!) to experience the transformative power and collaborative spirit of the arts for a full year.



## **\$5,000 MAKE A DREAM COME TRUE!**

At NDI, we believe that every child is a dancer. Your involvement will help children with disabilities to experience the thrill of the arts through movement, live music, and performance.



## **\$2,500 KEEP THE MUSIC PLAYING**

Live music is integral to all of NDI's arts education programs. Your donation will ensure that NDI musicians and their music fill not only our classrooms, but the lives of our young dancers as well.



## **\$1,000 SPONSOR A DANCER**

NDI is reaching thousands of school children each week from all corners of the nation's largest public school system with our rigorous and participatory arts and learning programs. Your contribution will help ensure that each and every one of these dancers has the opportunity to experience the joy and power of the arts in their lives.

# THE HELEN STAMBLER NEUBERGER ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

## MEET NDI'S 2020-2021 ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE: CAMILLE A. BROWN & DANCERS

The Helen Stambler Neuberger Artist-in-Residence Program is a one-year residency designed to support the creative process of a movement-based artist of color. The position offers emerging or established artists an opportunity to develop their craft while working with elementary and middle school students.

National Dance Institute's 2020-2021 Artist-in-Residence is Camille A. Brown & Dancers. Founded in 2006, the company is led by Camille A. Brown, an award-winning Black female choreographer whose work reclaims the cultural narratives of African American identity.

"I am truly excited by this partnership with NDI," Ms. Brown said. "I have been a fan of their programming for a while so it's wonderful to now be collaborating. Cheers to the journey!"

Dancers from the company have joined NDI throughout the year to lead our Celebration Team dancers in master classes and have created original dance works for our students. The NDI children will also have the opportunity to interact with Ms. Brown during a Question-and-Answer session. NDI's teaching artists have taken part in a professional development workshop based on Camille A. Brown & Dancers' "Every Body Move" initiative, rooted in the belief that "social dance works as a powerful tool for social change."

*National Dance Institute's Artist-in-Residence Program is made possible through the generous support of Helen Stambler Neuberger and Jim Neuberger.*



Photo: Camille A. Brown & Dancers in "ink"; Photo by Christopher Duggan



# PROGRAM

## ***Dancing in the Streets***

Choreography by Bianca Johnson

Performed by the Children of NDI

Arranged by Yakir Ben-Hur

Music & Lyrics for "Papa Was a Rollin' Stone"  
by Barrett Strong & Norman Whitfield

Music & Lyrics for "Get Ready" by  
William "Smokey" Robinson

Music & Lyrics for "Dancing in the Street" by  
Marvin Gaye, Ivy Hunter, &  
William "Mickey" Stevenson

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Performed by Paul Adamy, Yakir Ben-Hur,  
Jaimie Kelton, Jerome Korman, Al Orlo,  
Trevor Sommerville, and Greg Stamper

*This video was filmed on location through  
New York City Council's Open Culture Initiative.*

## **Welcome**

Ellen Weinstein, Artistic Director

## **Tribute to Shirley Young**

Film narrated by Frank Wood

Musical offering by Yo-Yo Ma with poetry by  
Jacques d'Amboise

## ***Museum of DREAM***

Choreography by Kay Gayner and Agnes  
McConlogue Ferro

Music & Lyrics for "Higher Ground" by  
Stevie Wonder

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Performed by the Dancers of the  
NDI DREAM Project

## ***I Can Dance!***

An excerpt from the documentary film directed  
by Ben Nathan  
ALL OF US FILMS

## **StarChild Appeal**

Hosted by Bill Irwin

## **Tribute to our Honorees**

Helen Stambler Neuberger & Jim Neuberger  
Introduced by Charlotte d'Amboise &  
Terrence Mann

## **Remarks**

Anthony Reyes, NDI Alumnus

## ***We Can Do That***

Based on "I Can Do That" from *A Chorus Line*  
Music & Lyrics by Marvin Hamlisch and  
Edward Kleban

Additional Lyrics by Jerome Korman

Performed by NDI Alumni Sarafina Belafonte,  
Kemuel Cuffy, Bianca Gonzalez, Ben Korman,  
Ben Nathan, Neptune Pringle III, Alisa Reyes,  
and Nazarria Workman

## ***Do You Love Me***

Introduced by Steve Jordan

Choreography by Mary Kennedy with Fiona  
Mills and Ellen Weinstein

Performed by the Children of NDI

Music & Lyrics by Berry Gordy, Jr.

As performed by The Contours

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*This video was filmed on location in  
Jackie Robinson Park*

With appearances by: Alec Baldwin, Harry Belafonte, Charlotte d'Amboise, Whoopi Goldberg,  
Kathryn Grody, Bill Irwin, Steve Jordan, John Lithgow, Terrence Mann, Brian Stokes Mitchell,  
Mandy Patinkin, Daniel Ulbricht.

*Performances by NDI's Celebration Team are made possible through the generous support of  
the Judy and Josh Weston Family Foundation.*

# ABOUT NATIONAL DANCE INSTITUTE

At National Dance Institute (NDI), we believe the arts have a unique power to engage all children and motivate them toward excellence.

Through our award-winning arts education programs, we serve children of diverse backgrounds, abilities, and socio-economic positions — transcending systemic barriers and expanding opportunities for all children to become their best. Our professional teaching artists foster in students a love of dance and music, a curiosity about the world, and a desire to achieve. These dedicated teachers help our young dancers learn to work together as they develop persistence, empathy, and confidence to support their success in school and in life.

Since our founding in 1976 by New York City Ballet principal dancer Jacques d'Amboise, NDI has empowered the lives of more than two million children. Under the artistic direction of Ellen Weinstein, NDI has developed a unique, proven teaching methodology that uses dance and music to improve children's critical thinking, develop their global perspective, and hone their social-emotional, communication, and collaboration skills.

During this time of remote and in-person learning, NDI has consistently maintained operations and has continued to provide arts education to public schools in New York City and throughout the country. Students are engaging with NDI through live, synchronous classes, recorded videos, and virtual performances. We also offer customized, remote programming for school districts, charter school networks, and education organizations who are looking to incorporate the social-emotional benefits of the arts into their distance learning instruction.

NDI fulfills our mission by offering our core programs to all children free of charge. Our inclusive **In-School Program** in New York City public schools ensures success for every child. Our **Advanced Programs** give our most motivated children the opportunity to deepen their dance and music study by joining our SWAT Team or Celebration Team, and by attending our **Irene Diamond Summer Institute**. The **NDI DREAM Project** (Dancers Realize Excellence through Arts and Movement) is our inclusive dance program

providing children with and without disabilities the opportunity to perform together. Videos in our **DREAM Project@Home** and **ndiLIVE!** on **YouTube** series bring on-demand dance and music classes to the public via social media, and our **ndiLIVE! AfterSchool** classes on Zoom allow children everywhere to experience the joy and magic of NDI programs free of charge.

NDI disseminates our acclaimed teaching method through the **NDI Collaborative for Teaching & Learning**, a professional development program for teaching artists, dance educators, musicians, and organizations worldwide. Every year, professional artists and educators from around the globe participate in our trainings and emerge from this transformative experience with an advanced set of teaching tools and a deepened understanding of the power of the arts in education.

Throughout our history, NDI has seeded programs both nationally and internationally. There are currently 12 **Associates of National Dance Institute** (ANDI) thriving in the United States that utilize NDI's pedagogy to serve over 30,000 children every year. Internationally, NDI has been working in Shanghai, China and in Beirut, Lebanon to train teachers in NDI's groundbreaking methodology and to promote the social development of children, helping them gain confidence through the study of dance, the arts, and international collaboration. These International Programs serve more than 8,000 children annually.

In the fall of 2011, NDI opened the doors to our permanent home—the **National Dance Institute Center for Learning & the Arts** located at 217 West 147th Street in Harlem. The NDI Center is home to three dance studios, two art galleries, green rooms, administrative offices, and the Howard Gilman Performance Space, which has seating for 175 and has been used for NDI classes, rehearsals, performances and events. The NDI Center has become a beacon for children, teachers, and artists in our local Harlem community, throughout New York City, and worldwide. It will be open once again when public gatherings are deemed safe and appropriate.

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Maria Calvario  
Madeleine Ford  
Jayla Galan  
Vienna Liang  
Jayden Mason  
Aubrey Mills  
Melissa Mosley  
Kristen Ramsaran  
Desmond Siraisi  
Sapphire Sparrow

## Featured Dancers for *Do You Love Me*

Audrey Ang  
Joshua Barba  
Alise Brown  
Tara Chan  
Alena Egan  
Aniya Quashie  
Iván Rodríguez  
Izzy Salaff  
Bishop Takyi  
Theo Tien  
Isaiah Trim

## Celebration Team Dancers 2020-21

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Audrey Ang  
Sedona Arminio  
Teagan Arnold  
Sophia Aviles  
Joshua Barba  
Parker Barnes  
Shani Ben-Hur  
Hana Berisha  
Avin Booker  
Alise Brown  
Ciara Calderon  
Maria Calvario  
Beatrice Carmody  
Eve Carter  
Adrian Castillo  
German Castillo  
Julie Chalk  
Tara Chan  
Jane Chen  
Ryan Chen  
Sawyer Cheng  
Matthew Clemente  
Emma Crivelli  
Lucy Dahl

Raphael Darvin  
Sofia DeBruyn  
Marlowe Dorian  
Artem Dudnik  
Alena Egan  
Cruz English  
Lexi Farver  
Mike Feliz  
Gabriella Figueiroa  
Ysabel Fitzpatrick  
Madeleine Ford  
Azariah Francis  
Bella Frean  
Lucy Fung  
Jayla Galan  
Adrian George  
Jackie Harrington  
Michael He  
Jackson Jacobs  
Lara-Belle Jairam-  
Narine  
Lilou-Rose Jairam-  
Narine  
Noah Javed  
Ami Keller  
Declan Kenneally  
Joshua Kim  
Yoko Koffi  
Julianna Kong  
Hana Kurian  
Logan Lau  
Vienna Liang  
Abigail Lin  
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Jaeda Marte  
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Meital Meimoun  
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Cheyli Mercado  
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## Featured NDI DREAM Dancers for *Museum of DREAM*

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Shani Ben-Hur  
Beatrice Carmody  
Daniel Ferro  
Sophia Ferro  
Nyla Genus  
Isaac Green

Shira Kredy  
Zia Mellor  
Damian Riley-Driver  
Avery Roberts

## NDI DREAM Project Dancers 2020-21

Ian Aquino  
Greta Baier  
Amadeus Belafonte  
Sarafina Belafonte  
Ravi Ben-Hur  
Shani Ben-Hur  
Amber Brennan  
Aiden Buguia  
Maria Calvario  
Beatrice Carmody  
Tara Chan  
Alyn Diaz  
Alyssa Diaz  
Kemani Evans  
Daniel Ferro  
Sophia Ferro  
Nyla Genus  
Yael Iain Gomez  
Isaac Green  
Maya Guliani  
Thaddeus Henry  
Talia Homer  
Mikayla Isaac  
Collette Julian  
Joshua Kim  
Shira Kredy  
Kiley McDonnell  
Meital Meimoun  
Zia Mellor  
Quinn Milner  
Adryana Navarro  
Corinne O'Mara  
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**We will always remember and be grateful  
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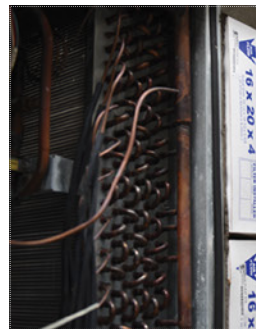




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We thank you for that gift and the joy it has given us.  
Congratulations on being honored today.

And congratulations and thanks to **Jacques, Ellen** and  
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In honor of our friend and colleague,

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