Liza Minnelli presents
Mikhail Baryshnikov the
NYC Dance Alliance Foundation
2012 Ambassador for
The Arts Award
Dear Friends,

This 2012 Year In Review is a celebration of the remarkable achievements of the NYC Dance Alliance Foundation, Inc. Since its inception in 2010, over 100 talented teenagers have benefitted from more than $5 MILLION in college scholarships awarded by the NYC Dance Alliance Foundation – through generous assistance from our college partners, corporate sponsors and grass roots supporters all across the United States.

I am humbled by the gracious backing NYCDAF continues to receive. It demonstrates that we collectively recognize the need to both promote and invest in the education of young artists. I am also encouraged by the enthusiastic grass roots funding we are receiving from local dance studios across the United States. This is a united effort. Special thanks must go to our 2012 College Partners: University of the Arts (PA), Marymount Manhattan University (NY), Point Park University (PA), Mercyhurst College (PA) and Dean College (MA).

I thank each of you for your generous support. Together, we will change the lives of many young artists and help shape the future of dance. The overall potential of what can be accomplished is incredible!

More great things to come in 2013!

Much gratitude,

Joe Lanteri
Founder/Executive Director
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Cover Photo – Melissa Hough and Garrett Smith: Guest Artists from Houston Ballet and NYCDFA Alumni.
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NYCDA FOUNDATION DANCERS ARE CURRENTLY REPRESENTED IN THESE PRESTIGIOUS COLLEGE PROGRAMS:

Dominican University (CA)  
Grand Canyon University (AZ)  
The Julliard School (NY)  
Marymount Manhattan College (NY)  
New York University (NY)  
Point Park University (PA)  

Purchase College (NY)  
Southern Methodist University (TX)  
University of Arizona, Tuscon (AZ)  
University of North Carolina School of the Arts (NC)  
University of Oklahoma (OK)  
University Of The Arts (PA)  

“NYCDA attracts some of the best young talent I have seen. The NYC Dance Alliance Foundation believes education is at the heart of its mission, aligning itself well with Marymount Manhattan College. I look forward to our continued affiliation in creating opportunities for the assured success of these young artists.”

Katie Langan, Professor  
Dance Department, Chair  
Marymount Manhattan College

The July 2012 college scholarship announcements were exciting, emotional and life changing!
**DESTINY RISING**

**January 16, 2012**

**The Joyce Theater**

**GUEST PERFORMANCES:**
- ABT Studio Company, Camille A. Brown
- Houston Ballet, New York City Ballet
- Marymount Manhattan Dance Co.
- Steps Repertory Ensemble
- University of the Arts Dance Ensemble

**SPECIAL GUEST:**
- Susan Jaffe, American Ballet Theatre

**FRED AND ADELE ASTAIRE AWARDS**

**June 4, 2012**

**NYU Skirball Center**

**GUEST PERFORMANCES:**
- Fosse Tribute, Newsies Tribute

**SPECIAL GUESTS:**
- Mikhail Baryshnikov, Tony Danza, Marvin Hamlisch, Liza Minnelli

2012 NYCDAF ADELE ASTAIRE SCHOLARSHIP:
- Shannen O’Neill (MD)

**Post-performance ‘talk back’ with the artists and choreographers.**

Dancers from Plumb Performing Arts (AZ) raised $16,000 on behalf of the foundation and were invited to perform on the program.

**Susan Jaffe discusses the importance of supporting dance education.**

Dancers from Steppin’ Out – The Studio (MO) raised $20,000 on behalf of the foundation and performed an exciting finale for the evening.

**Eighteen NYCDTA teenage boys were invited to perform the Broadway choreography from “Newsies”.**

**NYCDAF Executive Director Joe Lanteri shares the red carpet with Chita Rivera and Lee Roy Reams.**

Tony Award winning choreographer Rob Ashford presents the NYCDAF Adele Astaire Scholarship to Shannen O’Neill (MD).
GUEST PERFORMANCES:
American Ballet Theatre, Ballet Hispanico,
Ballet Next, Complexions Contemporary Ballet,
Houston Ballet, New York City Ballet

SPECIAL GUESTS:
Leslie Browne, Roberta Flack,
Julie Kent, Liza Minnelli,

2012 NYCDAF AMBASSADOR FOR THE ARTS:
Mikhail Baryshnikov

Westchester Dance Academy (NY) raised $15,000 on behalf of the foundation.

Tiler Peck and Robert Fairchild, New York City Ballet
Natalia Alonso and Clifford Williams, Complexions Contemporary Ballet
Sarah Lane and Sascha Radetsky, American Ballet Theatre

2012 NYCDAF college scholarship recipients come from across the United States for a special performance with recording artist Kelly King.

Music legend Roberta Flack shares her support for NYCDAF.
Our sincere THANKS to all the dance studios across the United States who participated in the 2011-2012 Fundraising Campaign!

Don’t miss your chance to participate. Earn great rewards - including the chance to have your studio flown to NYC to perform at a future NYCDAF event.

An additional 50+ studios also supported NYCDAF by contributing nearly $250 each. Every dollar counts!
GOLD SPONSOR CORPORATE SCHOLARSHIPS

NYCDAF Dance Magazine $10,000 Scholarships
Alexa Barzuna (Costa Rico)
Jillyn Bryant (TX), attending Point Park University
Logan Epstein (NY), currently a senior in high school
Justin Faircloth (NC), attending NYU Tisch School of the Arts
Nick Gomez (TX), currently a senior in high school
James Gowan (AZ), attending Point Park University
Mattie Love (UT), attending Marymount Manhattan College
Noelle Meers (CT), currently a senior in high school
Alexia Meyer (UT), currently a senior in high school
Montana Michniak (TX), currently a senior in high school
Jacoby Pruitt (FL), attending NYU Tisch School of the Arts
Hannah Seiden (CO), attending NYU Tisch School of the Arts
Jane St. Juste (FL), attending Dominican University

NYCDAF Capezio $10,000 College Scholarship
Whitney Schmanski (CA), attending The Julliard School

NYCDAF Adele Astaire $10,000 College Scholarship
Shannen O’Neill (MD), attending NYU Tisch School of the Arts

$10,000 NYCDAF Foundation Funded Scholarships

$5,000 NYCDAF Scholarships
Reilly Johannsen (TX), currently a senior in high school
Ellen Mulvihill (NJ), currently a senior in high school
Jenalee Thompson (AZ), currently a senior in high school

2012 Alonzo King LINES Ballet Summer Intensive $1,000 Scholarships
Vinson Fraley (GA)
Jacoby Pruitt (FL)
Gideon Bieser (CO)
Representatives from five college dance programs observe the ballet audition class conducted by NYCDA faculty member and Houston Ballet principal soloist, Melissa Hough.

An emotional Jenalee Thompson (AZ) shares the Marymount Manhattan scholarship moment with Patrick Needham (CA), Natasha Walter (AZ) and Katie Wolfe (NV).

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Susan Stowe, Director of Dance
4 Year Full Tuition Scholarship: $121,280
  Montana Michniak (TX)

4 Year Half Tuition Scholarships: $60,000 each
  Patrick Needham (CA)
  Jenalee Thompson (AZ)
  Natasha Walter (AZ)

$12,000 Renewable for 4 years – totaling $48,000 each
  Logan Epstein (NY)
  Alyssa Ness (MN)

$10,000 Renewable for 4 years – totaling $40,000 each
  Hayley Alexander (NY)
  Emma Bradley (VA)
  Courtney Forbes (UT)
  Ciara Gray (MD)
  Rachel Harman (VA)
  Selena Hurst (MI)
  Kaillee Krouse (AZ)
  Billi Marder (CA)
  Alexia Meyer (UT)
  Gabrielle Nissalke (FL)
  Erin Patterson (CO)
  Emily Weaver (NH)

Montana Michniak (TX) is overwhelmed by the announcement of her $120,000 scholarship to Point Park University.

Desmond Richardson of Complexions Contemporary Ballet conducts the contemporary portion of the college scholarship audition.

Julianne O’Brien Pedersen, Dean of the Joan Phelps Palladino School of Dance
$15,000 Renewable for 4 years – totaling $60,000
  Ciara Gray (MD)
  Noelle Meers (NY)
NYCDAF partners with the “Radio City Christmas Spectacular” by offering local dance studios the opportunity to perform an ‘opening act’ for the touring production… which also helps fundraise for the foundation through ticket sales.
INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT

VISIONARY
($10,000.00+)
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($5,000-$9,999)
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In Honor Of: Joe Lanteri
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NYCDAF conducts two online auctions per year: a summer auction in July and a holiday auction in early December.

Proceeds from the 2012 auctions exceeded $30,000.
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