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Career Transition For Dancers

Career Transition For Dancers celebrates its  
22nd Anniversary Jubilee with DANCE ROCKS  
presented by Rolex



**The Joffrey Ballet**  
Music: Prince  
Photo: Richard Termine

# Cheerleaders, break dancers, bag pipes! OH HH MY!

This was the reaction to Gala Director and Producer **Ann Marie DeAngelo's** opening number, **IN THE MIX**. On October 29<sup>th</sup>, over 110 performers brought the house down at New York City Center for **DANCE ROCKS**.

The electric evening was a mash-up of Rock, Funk, Jazz, Soul, and Folk that helped raise over \$1,150,000 for CTFD's vital programs and services.

The program included performances from **Atlanta Ballet**, **American Ballet Theatre**, **Ballet San Jose**, **Dance Theatre of Harlem**, **Dancing Wheels**, **The Joffrey Ballet**, **Parsons Dance**, and **Wylliams/Henry Dance Company**. Highlights included a world-premiere by **Lynne Taylor-Corbett** with **Melissa Manchester**, and a special performance

by the 2006 winner of the hit TV show **SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE**, **Benji Schwimmer**, who busted a move to **GET UP OFFA THAT THING** by James Brown. CTFD clients **Elizabeth Parkinson** and **Keith Roberts** also performed an excerpt from their Tony-nominated roles in the Billy Joel/Twyla Tharp musical **MOVIN' OUT**.

The star-studded lineup included special appearances by **Christine Ebersole**, **Ben Vereen**, **Kathleen Marshall**, **John Selya**, **Jason Samuels Smith**, and **Mr. Wiggles**. **Allen Brill**, President and CEO of **Rolex Watch USA** presented the Career Transi-

tion For Dancers Award to **Anka K. Palitz** for **Outstanding Contributions to the World of Dance** which was also presented by **Charlotte d'Amboise** to **The Jerome Robbins Foundation**. Nine time Tony Award winner **Tommy Tune** was on hand to present the **Rolex Dance Award** to his good friend **Bebe Neuwirth**.

Following the performance, over 700 patrons kept on rockin' until 1 AM with dinner and dancing styled by Dinner Chair, **Janice Becker**. The highlight of the evening's dinner was a live auction which raised \$165,000 and included 15 luxurious packages organized by Auction Chair, **Ann Van Ness**.

The success of the gala was largely due to the dedicated efforts of 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Chairs **Patricia J. Kennedy** and **Allen Brill** and Gala Chairs **Yolanda Santos Garza** and the late **Peg Ranieri**, as well as the many other hard working Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Gala Leadership Committee.

The evening was made possible by Presenting Sponsor **Rolex Watch U.S.A., Inc.** and Underwriters **Condé Nast Publications** and **The Samuel I. Newhouse Foundation**. **Beni di Batasiolo** was the 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Wine Sponsor and **Capezio** generously donated the artist dance wear and patron gift bags. Thank you to all of our ROCK STARS who made this such a memorable event.



**John Selya**  
& **Nicole Graniero**  
Music: Janis Joplin  
Photo: Richard Termine

**Melissa Manchester, Kurt Froman**  
& **Yuki Ogasawara**  
Music: Melissa Manchester  
Photo: Richard Termine