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New York Hilton Midtown on Avenue of the Americas and 54th Street. About 500 guests attended, and the event raised \$2.4 million. The exuberance of the guests is reflected in the colorful style of dress. 1. JUDITH JAMISON. 2. ELIZABETH MIRANTE. 3. HOPE BOYKIN. 4. From left, KEVIN BOSEMAN, CHADWICK BOSEMAN and RONALD K. BROWN, who choreographed "Open Door," which had its premiere at opening night. 5. JOAN WEILL, a former board chairwoman for Alvin Ailey. 6. The dance orchestra. 7. GHRAI DEVORE. 8. KARINE PLANTADIT. 9. SAMUEL LEE ROBERTS. 10. KEIKO VOLTAIRE and DAVID PARSONS. 11. ROBERT BATTLE, the artistic director, and GINA F. ADAMS. 12. CARMEN de LAVALLADE.

Dec. 2: The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's opening night gala included a performance at New York City Center and a dinner dance at the



13. MARJON CARLOS. 14. CARLOS DOS SANTOS. 15. LANA TURNER. 16. Some of the dancers in the company. 17. SUSAN TAYLOR. 18. JEROBOAM BOZEMAN. 19. A guest. 20. COURTNEY SAULS. 21. AKUA NONI PARKER. 22. KATHY SAVOLT.

