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EVENING HOURS

Bill Cunningham

The Rustle Of Silk



Nov. 30: The opening night gala of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater included a performance at New York City Center. A candlelight dinner at the Hilton New York in all white, AstroTurf floor covering included, followed. The designer was David Monn. More than 20 women took up the theme in frosty-looking dresses. The 1,000 guests at the gala raised \$2.5 million.

27. ROBERT BATTLE, the company's artistic director, and JOAN H. WEILL, its chairwoman.

28. The dancers made a formal entrance.

29. LINDA CELESTE SIMS.

30. SHARON GERSTEN LUCKMAN, the executive director.

31. NATAN and JESSICA BIBLIOWICZ.

32. From left, SERGEY GORDEEV, KARINE PLANTADIT and CARLOS dos SANTOS.

33. KOMAL SHAH, left, and PAMELA JOYNER.

34. ALICIA BYTHEWOOD.

35. ELIZABETH and ARTHUR J. MIRANTE II.

36. PAT KAFI.

37. YANNICK LEBRUN and RACHAEL McLAREN.

38. AKUA NONI PARKER.

39. KRISTEN IRBY and JESSYE NORMAN.

40. LANA TURNER.

41. SARAH DALEY and KANJI SEGAWA.

42. CRISTINA CUOMO.

43. ROSLYN CARTER.

44. GHRAI DeVOIRE.

45. SUSAN FALES-HILL.

46. ANGELA VALLOT.

