

2014



## DC's Dancing Stars Gala Coverage Report

By Mokimedia



## DC's Dancing Stars!



Last night we also went to a launch party for DC's Dancing Stars at the Huxley, as local celebs gear up for the upcoming competition. Former 'Skins wide receiver Gary Clark will be one of this year's many celebrity judges. We snapped him flanked by Parkinson Foundation CEO Jared Cohen and the show's executive director Susannah Moss.

Guests took over the dance floor to prep for the official celebrity dance competition on October 25th at the Ritz Carlton-Tysons. Here, dancer and America's Miss DC 2012 Sarah Hillware, DC Hot Spots host Wil Lash, LLS 2014 Woman of the Year Evelyn Smallwood, and Fred Astaire Dance Studio owner Maria Coakley David.



DC Shadow Senator Paul Strauss, here with Miss Bolivia Guiselle Lema, joked with us that he brought chips, thinking they wanted him to eat salsa, but then found out he'll have to learn to salsa.

Of course, it's all for a good cause, or in this case, causes: Proceeds will be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Washington Humane Society, Girls Health Ed, 'Skins Alumni Foundation, T.A.P.S., Hope for Henry, and the Parkinson Foundation. Here, Amoo's Maria Oveysi and realtor Jinous Yazdani are flanked by Best Auto Glass' Samira Ghaderi and Roya Ghaderi.





# The Washington Diplomat

## DIPLOMATIC SPOTLIGHT

The Washington Diplomat | October 2014

### Egyptian 'Caravan'



Washington National Cathedral Dean the Rev. Gary Hall, left, and Ambassador of Egypt Mohamed Tawfik welcome guests to the opening VIP reception of the "Caravan" exhibit at the Washington National Cathedral, featuring 48 fiberglass sculptures in prayer painted by 30 Muslim and Christian Egyptian artists and 18 Christian and Jewish western artists.



One of the pieces showcased at the premiere of the "Caravan" interfaith arts exhibit titled "Amen: A Prayer for the World," which runs through Oct. 6 at the Washington National Cathedral and will then move to New York City at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine.



Ambassador of Bahrain Shaikh Abdullah bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Khalifa, left, talks with guests at the premiere of the "Caravan" interfaith arts exhibit designed to build bridges of respect, understanding and sharing between the creeds and cultures of the East and West.



Jessie Monaghan, director and senior counsel of government relations at SABIC Innovative Plastics, left, and Jane M. McCune attend an art exhibit at the Washington National Cathedral by the Caravan, an interfaith nonprofit that aims to build bridges between East and West through the arts.

### Latvian-Sweden Exhibit



From left, Ambassador of Sweden Björn Lyrvall, Latvian artist Iveta Vecenane and Ambassador of Latvia Andris Razans host the opening of "Vibration of Amber Threads" and "Sami Crafts of Soul, Hand and Mind," two joint exhibits at the House of Sweden marking Riga, Latvia, and Umea, Sweden, as the 2014 European Capitals of Culture.



Roberta Miller, left, and Westminister Theological "Caravan" exhibit of Egyptian artists called "Amen: A Prayer for the World" at the National Cathedral.



### Dancing with Stars



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### Diplomats



Dana Tai Soon Burgess, Board President of the Burgesses Dance Company, choreographer Dana Burgess, and the debut of the Diplomat, which raised more than \$100,000 for the Burgesses Dance Company's premier contemporary dance performance.

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### IRI Gala



Ukrainian pop star Ruslana Lyzhychko, left, accepts International Republican Institute's (IRI) 2014 Freedom Award from Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) on behalf of the Ukrainian people, at a Sept. 9 fundraising dinner in Washington. Ruslana is seen by millions as the face of the Maidan Movement.



The International Republican Institute presents its 2014 Freedom Award to President George H.W. Bush on May 19 at a ceremony at his home in Kennebunkport, Maine. Standing, from left, are IRI President Mark Green and board members Connie Newman, Jim Kolbe and Brent Scowcroft.



## **DC's Dancing Stars Gala on WUSA 9 with Andrea Roane!!**



**DC's Dancing Stars Gala was featured in a morning segment show on WUSA 9, a CBS affiliate with anchor Andrea Roane. USA Today's entertainment reporter Arienne Thompson was on hand to discuss the night's gala. The segment included clips of the performance, including dances by WUSA 9 anchors Mike Hydeck and Andrea Roane. Additionally, there is mention of the Fred Astaire Fairfax Dance Studio. Arienne Thompson was a guest at the MoKi Media table at the gala.**





## **'House of Cards' Secret Service agent: I'm supporting real-life agency**

BY JUDY KURTZ - 10/27/14 10:39 AM EDT



An actor who played a Secret Service agent on “House of Cards,” says he supports the real-life agency, despite the heat it’s taking for a series of White House security breaches. Lamont Easter says he was trained by a former head of security for the Secret Service for his recurring role on the Kevin Spacey-starring Netflix show. The entertainer took on the role of a Secret Service agent protecting a fictional vice president, played by Spacey.

ITK caught up with Easter at the inaugural DC’s Dancing Stars gala on Saturday at the Ritz-Carlton hotel in Tyson’s Corner, Va. Easter and other celebrity dancers — including WUSA 9 anchors Andrea Roane and Mike Hydeck, and former NFL player John Booty — donned sequined outfits to take to the dance floor and compete for a mirror-ball trophy. PBS’s Rina Shah and Charisse Jackson-Jordan, wife of former Washington Wizards head coach Eddie Jordan, shimmied and shook their way to the top, winning the competition, which raised more than \$150,000 for various charities. After Easter’s intense tango, one of the gala’s judges and former Washington Redskins player Gary Clark declared, “Forget ‘House of Cards,’ you should be on ‘House of Dance!’ ”

But Easter later told ITK that it was good his “Cards” co-stars weren’t competing that night, disclosing, “I think Kevin Spacey would give me a run for my money. And Robin Wright.”

<http://thehill.com/blogs/in-the-know/in-the-know/221931-house-of-cards-secret-service-agent-im-supporting-real-life>

# ADWEEK®

## WUSA9 Anchors Mike Hydeck, Andrea Roane Headline DC's Dancing Stars Gala

By Nick Massella|October 27, 2014

WUSA9 morning show anchors Mike Hydeck and Andrea Roane and PBS contributor Rina Shah competed in the first ever DC's Dancing Stars Gala Saturday night at the Ritz Carlton in Tyson's Corner. The evening, which raised more than \$150,000 for local charities, brought together several former Washington NFL athletes and a crowd of more than 400 attendees.



Modeled after ABC's "Dancing with the Stars," the competition was emceed by Clinton Portis and Chris Cooley, former Washington NFL players, who's on stage chemistry bested that from any gala in recent memory. Hydeck, Roane, and Shah were joined in competition by "House of Cards" actor Lamont Ester, former NFL athlete John Booty, America's Miss DC Sarah Hillware (2012) and Antoinette Cordova (2013), VP of DARCARS Automotive Group Tammy Darvish and Ted Britt Automotive Group GM Evelyn Smallwood.

In the end, "Dancing with the Star" dancer jonathan Roberts, "The Bachelorette's" Chris Bukowski and former Washington NFL player Gary Clark awarded Charrisse Jackson-Jordan, with of former Washington Wizards coach Eddie Jordan, and Shah the night's champions, with Jackson-Jordan winning for highest votes and Shah named Judges' Choice with the highest score.

Participants were paired with dance professionals from Fred Astaire Studio of Fairfax, the night's presenting sponsor. Studio owners Maria Coakley David and Jim David served as the night's co-chairs, with Susannah Moss as executive director. Live auction hosts and former Washington NFL athletes Rick 'Doc' Walker and Brian Carpenter also awarded pre-competition participant Cindy Hardeman the Redskins Challenge winner and recognized Emily Lozano, who raised more than \$10,000 for the night, as the fundraising challenge winner.

The night's philanthropic recipients included The Washington Humane Society, Girls Health Ed, T.A.P.S, Hope for Henry Foundation, The Parkinson Foundation of the National Capital Area, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and the Washington Redskins Alumni.



<https://www.adweek.com/digital/wusa9-anchors-mike-hydeck-andrea-roane-headline-dcs-dancing-stars-gala/>



## Dancing Stars!



Saturday night we joined 400 dance enthusiasts and philanthropists at The Ritz-Carlton Tysons for the first DC's Dancing Stars Gala. We snapped the night's host and former 'Skins' great Clinton Portis with executive director Susannah Moss. The dance competition brought together local and national celebs competing for the coveted DC's Dancing Stars trophy, which was won by NBA wife Charrisse Jackson-Jorden and PBS' Rina Shah.

Event co-chairs and Fred Astaire Studio of Fairfax owners Jim and Maria Coakley David provided professional dancers. They're bookending interior designer Katie Carroll; at right, former NFL player John Booty, who impressed us on the dance floor with Missy Nilson.



America's Miss DC 2012 and one of the night's dancers Sarah Hillware is surrounded by Paradigm Event Management's Teri Galvez, physician Natasha Yousaf, Capitol Glow's Tricia Kelly, and by financial services advisor Michael Cleary. The cocktail reception had a great silent auction, with items ranging from health and fitness to experiences, travel, and food.

The star-studded event raised over \$150,000 for local charities: Humane Society, Girls Health Ed, T.A.P.S, Hope for Henry, Parkinson Foundation, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and 'Skins Alumni. Here, the Virginia Endodontic Group's Brian Lee, his wife STG's Julie Lee, Skinner Britton's Megan Britton, and her husband Northwestern Mutual's Ben Britton.





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## M A G A Z I N E

### DC'S DANCING STARS INAUGURAL GALA

October 26, 2014

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# GUEST *of a* GUEST

## DC's Dancing Stars Gala



**Where:** Tyson's Corner Ritz Carlton

**Who was there:** Guests included event co-chair Maria Coakley David and executive director Susannah Mossformer, The Bachelorette's Chris Bukowski, Dancing With The Stars' Jonathan Roberts, Former NFL player John Booty, CBS WUSA 9 morning anchors Andrea Roane and Mike Hydeck, former Washington Redskins Clinton Portis, Chris Cooley, Gary Clark, and more!

**Other details:** On Saturday, October 25th, over 400 dance enthusiasts and philanthropists turned out to support the first-ever DC's Dancing Stars Gala at the Ritz Carlton in Tyson's Corner. Event co-chairs and Fred Astaire Studio of Fairfax owners Maria Coakley David & Jim David and Executive Director Susannah Moss brought together notable Washingtonians to help raise over \$150,000 in support of local charities such as The Washington Humane Society, The Parkinson Foundation of the National Capital Area, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and The Washington Redskins Alumni, to name a few. Former Redskins teammates Clinton Portis and Chris Cooley reunited off the field to host the debut gala while Jonathan Roberts, Chris Bukowski, and Gary Clark teamed up to judge the dance competition. NBA Wife Charrisse Jackson-Jorden and PBS' Rina Shah were named this year's DC Dancing Star Champions. In addition to the dancing fun, former NFL player and ESPN contributor Rich 'Doc' Walker and Brian Carpenter were on-hand to lead the live auction and Emily Lozano was recognized as the fundraising challenge winner for raising over \$10,000 in honor of the DC's Dancing Stars Gala. Other celebrity dancers included: House of Cards actor Lamont Easter, former NFL player John Booty, WUSA9's Mike Hydeck and Andrea Roane, America's Miss DC 2012 Sarah Hillware, America's Miss DC 2013 Antoinette Cordova, VP of DARCARS Automotive Group Tammy Darvish and Ted Britt Automotive Group General Manager Evelyn Smallwood.

<http://guestofaguest.com/washington-dc/party-crasher/last-nights-parties-ivys-private-prohabition-party-dcs-dancing-stars-inaugural-gala-more?slide=4>

## **DC's Dancing Stars Inaugural Gala**

### **Clinton Portis, Chris Cooley, Chris Bukowski & More Turned Out to Support First Annual Black-Tie Dancing Challenge**

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## DC's Dancing with the Stars Gala Lights Up the Night with Moves Like....

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