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ANDY WARHOL  
imaginary friends

49 drawings inspired by dance 1955-67

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*cordially invite you to an exhibition*

**OPENING RECEPTION**

November 27th, Tuesday  
6-8PM in the Grand Gallery

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**EXHIBITION DATES**

November 28th - December 28th, 2012  
Monday through Friday, 10am to 5pm  
Saturday and Sunday, 11am to 5pm

The National Arts Club is pleased to present a premiere exhibition of 49 original drawings by Andy Warhol. This rare collection, created from 1955 to 1967, represents Warhol's unique, free-form expressions inspired by dance, performance, and esoteric influences. Warhol had a lifelong fascination with the performing arts and frequently attended theatre, ballet, concerts and countercultural events throughout his lifetime in New York City.

In the early 1950's Warhol met Lydia Joel who was Editor-in-Chief of *Dance* magazine from 1952 through 1969. The two friends bonded and had lengthy discussions about contemporary dance, theatre and art performances. At each meeting Warhol gifted Joel a drawing as a token of appreciation for her commitment to the arts. Joel likewise expressed her admiration for Warhol's generosity and devotion for the performing arts, and published several of his drawings in *Dance* magazine. In 1987 Peter Martins, Co-Ballet Master-in-Chief at the New York City Ballet, also projected Warhol's drawings onto the curtains for his *Waltz Project* performance at Lincoln Center. Upon Lydia Joel's death in 1992 this collection of drawings was acquired by a private collector.

On the 25th anniversary of Warhol's death, these unaffected, introspective drawings reflect Warhol's experiences during his formative years and provide a view into the artist's whimsical and sometimes cryptic visual language. The National Arts Club is honored to have the opportunity to exhibit this unique collection, made possible by the Boris Lurie Art Foundation.



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