

## Alvin Ailey D.C. Gala

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### SPECIAL FEATURE



Robert Battle and Bennett Rink



Stephen Meringoff



Gloria Dittus and Lawrence Duncan III



Brandon Todd, Nicole Venable, and guests

## ALVIN AILEY GALA

The Pavilions at Wolf Trap | PHOTOS BY TONY POWELL

**DEDICATED TO D.C.:** A few months after its performance at the Kennedy Center, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater held its Washington Gala at Wolf Trap and raised nearly \$850,000 to benefit local programs and scholarships for area students to attend The Ailey School in New York City. Guests enjoyed drinks and dinner in heavenly spring weather. Artistic Director **Robert Battle** and Board Member/Event Chairwoman **Sela Collins** spoke to an audience of more than 200. Other organizers spotted in the crowd included **Lyndon K. Boozer**, **Lisa Warner Wardell** and **Yelberton R. Watkins**. Élan Artists rounded out the evening with music as board members and guests swayed under the sparkling lights and stars.



Santana Moss, Renee Parsons and Bob Parsons CROP 2 men on right



## PXG SHOWROOM LAUNCH

Fairfax, Va. | PHOTOS BY TASOS KATOPODIS/ GETTY IMAGES

**GOLF LOVERS REJOICE:** Sports royalty, VIPs and golf enthusiasts gathered to celebrate the opening of PXG's new 7,000-square-foot brick-and-mortar golf showroom and retail shop in Fairfax, Va. The popular brand is a passion project of GoDaddy's founder, billionaire **Bob Parsons** and his wife **Renee**, who serves as president and executive creative director of the brand's apparel line. Expanding into the Washington, D.C. metro area was a natural next step in the brand's expansion, Renee Parsons explained, noting that it ranks as the nation's 7th largest golf market. The launch party welcomed current and former athletes, including **Santana Moss**, **Jonathan Allen**, **Logan Thomas**, **Montez Sweat**, **Terry McLaurin**, **Josh Jackson**, **Ken Harvey** and **Cathy Kim**. Vietnam veteran **Bob Parsons** never misses a chance to spotlight America's bravest and at each store opening, of which there will be 24 across the country before year's end. The event kicked off with a special rendition of the National Anthem performed by **Calvin Bishop** and **Big Swing & the Ballroom Blasters**. In addition to a practice putting green, PXG's state-of-the-art facility features an expansive retail showroom with the brand's latest apparel, accessories and bags. **FASHION FORE-WARD:** Renee Parsons' sleek, contemporary designs are influenced by her penchant for high fashion streetwear and the many couture runway shows she has attended over the last decade.



Cathy Kim and Josh Jackson



Jonathan Allen, Terry McLaurin, Logan Thomas and Montez Sweat



Stephanie Taylor and Randy Taylor