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## Leaps & bounds

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Dance swings into high gear this weekend. Here are the artists and shows you don't want to miss.

### NEW YORK CITY BALLET

Through May 29, David H. Koch Theater, Lincoln Center

**Big picture:** NYCB gives us masterpieces by Balanchine and Robbins — plus a promising new ballet.

**Rising star:** Miriam Miller is tall and luscious. Look for her in Balanchine's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

**For dance virgins:** "Classic NYCB II" (May 17-22) features three Balanchine gems, including "Western Symphony," with dancers in cowboy duds twirling to such tunes as "Good Night, Ladies."

**For old hands:** "21st Century Choreographers II" (May 7, 18-21) offers homegrown works by contemporary stars Christopher Wheeldon, Justin Peck, Alexei Ratmansky and Nicolas Blanc.

**Tickets:** \$30 to \$170, nycballet.com



Miriam Miller

PAUL KORMAN

### ALVIN AILEY

June 8-19, David H. Koch Theater, Lincoln Center

**Big picture:** The greatest draws are the incredible, powerful dancers.

**Rising star:** Jacqueline Green — the beauty flying across this season's poster — will dance Ailey's solo "Cry" on June 12 and 16.

**For dance virgins:** Ailey's masterpiece, "Revelations," is on four out of the five programs.

**For old hands:** Works made post-Ailey — specifically in the past two years — come together in "21st Century Voices," June 9, 11, 17 and 19.

**Tickets:** \$25 to \$150, alvinailey.org



Jacqueline Green

ANDREW ECCLES

### AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE

May 9-July 2, Metropolitan Opera House, Lincoln Center

**Big picture:** This year, the accent's on artist-in-residence Alexei Ratmansky.

**Rising star:** Tiny, quick and agile, Skylar Brandt will perform in "The Golden Cockerel" June 6 and 9.

**For dance virgins:** Cultural phenom Misty Copeland drinks the poison at the June 25 matinee of "Romeo and Juliet."

**For old hands:** The choreographer with his own hashtag (#ratmanskyness) has a triple bill May 18, 19 and 21.

**Tickets:** \$20 to \$235, abt.org



Misty Copeland

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