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Alvin Ailey Brings Destination Dance To Atlanta

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Alvin Ailey Dance Theater already has deep roots in Atlanta. It has been touring through the city for more than 40 years and hosts a summer camp for underserved youth through the Atlanta Ballet. But Ailey is about to become even more ingrained in Atlanta's art community through an initiative called Destination Dance.

The Alvin Ailey Foundation's Executive Director Bennett Rink said that Atlanta was Ailey's top choice for Destination Dance because of the demand for more performances and the success of their already-established programs here.

He said in an interview with Lois Reitzes, "Whenever we perform in Atlanta, we always feel this incredible enthusiasm from the audience and we also hear, 'When are you coming back?' and 'How can we get more of this?'"

Ailey is investigating partnerships with a wide variety of cultural institutions. Some potential programming includes workshops at the High Museum, partnering with Atlanta playwright Pearl Cleage and bringing their second company, Ailey II, to the Rialto and to the ELEVATE public art festival.

The company tours through Atlanta in February with performances, as always, at the Fox Theatre. They expect Destination Dance programming to begin sometime next year.

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