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REAL CLASSES FOR REAL PEOPLE

AILEY EXTENSION CELEBRATES NYC DANCE WEEK, JUNE 13-22, WITH FREE CLASSES TO UNLEASH YOUR INNER DANCER

Over 25 Classes Offered at Ailey's Home, The Joan Weill Center for Dance

Families Can Celebrate Together with a Free West African Community Class on June 14 at 6:30pm



Horton at Ailey Extension. Photo by Kyle Froman; West African at Ailey Extension. Photo by Joe Epstein; BellydanceBURN at Ailey Extension. Photo by Kyle Froman

(New York) May 22, 2019 – This June, [Ailey Extension](#) invites New Yorkers to celebrate dance onstage and off when **NYC Dance Week** returns **Thursday, June 13 through Saturday, June 22**, coinciding with [Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's Lincoln Center engagement](#) June 12-16, 2019. Throughout the annual citywide festival, Ailey Extension will offer over 25 free* dance and fitness classes for adults of all experience levels at **The Joan Weill Center for Dance** – New York's largest building dedicated to dance and the official home of Ailey. As a bonus, the entire family can come together on the dance floor during NYC Dance Week for a lively celebration of music, dance, and oral traditions with a free West African Family class with Maguette Camara on Friday, June 14 at 6:30pm.

Fulfilling Alvin Ailey's belief that "dance came from the people and that it should always be delivered back to the people," Ailey Extension welcomes NYC Dance Week participants of all levels and backgrounds to learn new techniques, socialize with other New Yorkers, and experience the rich history of Ailey at its official home in the dance capital of the world. During the 10-day celebration, Ailey Extension will offer a diverse array of free dance and fitness classes daily, including **Horton** (the modern dance technique seen in Alvin Ailey's masterpiece [Revelations](#)), **Hip-Hop**, **Ballet**, **Masala Bhangra**, **Samba Afro Brazilian**, **NY Style Mambo**, **Theater Dance**, and **Salsa**, among others. New students can take up to two participating classes for free, and returning students will receive a free class with the purchase of a 10-class card.

Movers of all ages can join the NYC Dance Week celebration during Ailey Extension's free **West African Family Class with Maguette Camara** on **Friday, June 14 at 6:30-8pm**. Kids and adults can engage in an energizing and uplifting celebration of West African dance and cultural traditions, all accompanied by live djembe and dundun drumming.

In addition to experiencing the magic of Ailey through exciting dance and fitness classes, New Yorkers can celebrate NYC Dance Week with **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater at Lincoln Center** June 12-16. The seven-performance engagement features three distinct programs – *Bold Visions*, *Trailblazers*, and *Timeless Ailey* – which include the world premiere of Darrell Grand Moultrie's *Ounce of Faith* and the return of hip-hop pioneer Rennie Harris' breakout

premiere [Lazarus](#). Special performances during the season include The Ailey Spirit Gala benefit celebrating the 50th Anniversary of The Ailey School, a special Father's Day matinee featuring excerpts from over a dozen treasures by Alvin Ailey, and an evening honoring dance-world legend Carmen de Lavallade. For more information on Ailey's Lincoln Center season, click [here](#).

To view Ailey Extension's complete NYC Dance schedule, visit www.aileyextension.com/nycdanceweek. New students must present a downloadable NYC Dance Week voucher for all classes at The Ailey Studios, available [here](#).

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS AT AILEY EXTENSION

Guest Artist Series: Yannick Lebrun Workshop

Friday, May 31 at 7:30-9pm

Before he takes the stage at Lincoln Center in recent premieres, returning favorites, and Ailey's signature masterpiece *Revelations*, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's [Yannick Lebrun](#) will bring his versatile style and limitless lines to the Ailey studios for a one-night-only [Contemporary Modern Dance Workshop](#). A former Ailey School scholarship student and Ailey II company member, Lebrun will guide intermediate and advanced dancers through a dynamic and inspiring class featuring Modern and Horton technique influences.

Ailey Extension WorldPride Celebration: All Styles Vogue Workshop with Cesar Valentino

Saturday, June 22 at 5-7pm

Ballroom Vogue icon [Cesar Valentino](#) will lead a celebratory all-levels [Vogue workshop](#) that will get participants popping, dipping, and spinning with grace and precision. After a jazz warm-up, dancers will strut their stuff and learn the fundamentals of runway modeling before having a Mini Ball for students to put what they've learned to the test. Ball categories include *Best Vogue Performance*, *Best Runway Performance*, and *Best Dancewear*, and winners will receive trophies and other prizes exclusively designed by Cesar Valentino. Slip into your heels, don your pride colors, and hit the dance floor to become your most confident, fabulous self in this welcoming and inclusive workshop.

Ailey Extension at NYC Dance Week Sponsored by TD Bank.

Ailey Extension is located at The Joan Weill Center for Dance (405 West 55th Street at 9th Avenue).

**New students may take up to (2) free classes; all subsequent classes require payment (2 classes for \$38 – Ailey Intro Offer). Returning students will receive a bonus class with purchase of a 10-class card during this period.*

About Ailey Extension

Since its inception in 2005, Ailey Extension has fulfilled Mr. Ailey's life-long commitment of bringing dance to everyone by offering "real classes for real people." Ailey Extension offers over 25 different dance and fitness techniques such as Horton, Ballet, Masala Bhangra, West African, Samba, Jazz, Zumba, House and Hip-Hop. Over 135,000 people have taken classes at Ailey's home, New York's largest building dedicated to dance, where dancers of all levels and walks of life can learn and be inspired – body, mind, and spirit! For additional press materials, including photos, videos, and class descriptions, visit pressroom.alvinailey.org.

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