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AILEY AT THE APOLLO - FUTURE AND PRESENT STARS OF AILEY SHINE IN ONE-NIGHT-ONLY PERFORMANCE ON TUESDAY, MAY 7

Ailey II, The Ailey School & AileyCamp Join Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater on the Historic Apollo Stage For the First Time Ever in a Gala Benefit for Scholarships and Arts In Education Programs Serving New York Students

Dance Party Moves to the Signature Sounds of Special Guest DJ Kiss

Event Honoree: Robert Kissane

Honorary Chairs: Kimberly & Tyson Chandler

(New York) April 9, 2013 – For the first time ever, the world-renowned **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater** will be joined by rising stars of **Ailey II**, gifted young dancers from **The Ailey School**, and talented students from **AileyCamp** in a spectacular Ailey At The Apollo performance on **Tuesday, May 7th at 7pm**. Led by Artistic Director Robert Battle, the **Spring Gala Benefit** performance will take place on the world famous **Apollo Theater** stage. A gala party with festive dress, décor and dancing to music by the famed **DJ Kiss** will follow the one-night-only performance.

The evening will honor **Robert Kissane**, a member of Ailey's Board of Trustees, for his leadership, dedication and generosity to the Ailey organization for more than a decade. His expert judgment and strategic guidance were instrumental in creating the successful campaigns that led to the establishment of Ailey's permanent home – The Joan Weill Center for Dance – and growing Ailey's endowment to more than \$50 million for Ailey's 50th Anniversary season.

New York Knicks' Tyson Chandler and wife, Kimberly Chandler, will serve as Honorary Chairs. Since joining the Knicks team in 2011, Tyson has been an active contributor to the New York community both on and off the court. Together, the Chandlers have stood out as one of the NBA's most philanthropic families; supporting various impactful community initiatives including Hurricane Sandy Relief, UNICEF and Delete Blood Cancer DKMS. Gala co-chairs are Lynne and Anthony M. Carvette, Leslie and Tom Maheras, David E. Monn, and Almaz and Marc Strachan; and vice chairs are Michele and Timothy Barakett, Judith Byrd, Eboni Marshall Turman and Rossie E. Turman III, and Yelberton R. Watkins.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater will open the evening with excerpts of ***Petite Mort***; a sensual and breathtaking ballet by renowned European choreographer **Jiří Kylián**, and **Ronald K. Brown's** landmark work, ***Grace***; along with ***Strange Humors***, a thrillingly intense duet by **Artistic Director Robert Battle**. Ailey II will perform excerpts of ***Virtues***, a high energy ballet with a sophisticated edge choreographed by Amy Hall Garner. Youthful talent from AileyCamps in Washington Heights and Newark will excite the audience with a performance inspired by **Rennie Harris' bold Hip Hop work, *Home*** and students from The Ailey School (ages 6 to 23) will showcase their talents and the breadth of the program's training in performance excerpts. The future and present stars of Ailey will come together on the Apollo stage for a memorable finale of Alvin Ailey's timeless masterpiece, ***Revelations***.

Attendees will have the opportunity to witness the impact of their charitable giving firsthand, as **gala proceeds will support scholarships** for talented young students to attend **The Ailey School** and **Ailey's Arts In Education & Community Programs**. These programs serve more than 100,000 young people annually; including **AileyCamp** - the

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innovative, full-scholarship program that uses the art of dance as a means to help young people stretch their minds, bodies and spirits.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Ailey II and The Ailey School will join guests after the performance at a festive gala party, featuring stunning décor by the “Architect of Style” – party planner, **David Monn**. Attendees will dine and dance to music by special guest **DJ Kiss** – “one of the fashion world’s most sought after DJs.” DJ Kiss has spun private parties for some of the biggest celebrities and headlined at the world’s most exclusive clubs. Her diverse client list includes Alexander Wang, Louis Vuitton, The New York Knicks, Diane von Furstenberg, Billboard, MTV and the NFL.

For more information on benefit tickets starting at \$350, call (212) 405-9031 or visit www.alvinailey.org.

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Honorary Chairs Kimberly & Tyson Chandler

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CALENDAR LISTING INFORMATION

Ailey At The Apollo Spring Gala Benefit

Tuesday, May 7th 2013 at 7:00pm

The Apollo Theater - 253 W 125th Street, between 7th & 8th Avenues

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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Robert Battle

EVENT HONOREE

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Tickets

To purchase benefit tickets, starting at \$350, or for more info, call 212.405.9031 or visit: www.alvinailey.org

Location:

Apollo Theater - 235 W. 125th Street (Between 7th and 8th Aves) Via Subway: A,B,C,D, 2 or 3 to 125th Street

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ABOUT THE AILEY ORGANIZATION

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, recognized by U.S. Congressional resolution as a vital American “Cultural Ambassador to the World,” grew from a now-fabled 1958 New York performance that changed American dance. Founded by Alvin Ailey, and guided by Judith Jamison beginning in 1989, the Company is now led by **Robert Battle**, whom Judith Jamison chose to succeed her on July 1, 2011. Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater has performed for an estimated 23 million people in 71 countries on 6 continents, promoting the uniqueness of the African-American cultural experience and the preservation and enrichment of the American modern dance tradition. The Ailey organization also includes; **Ailey II** (1974), a second company of young dancers and choreographers; **The Ailey School** (1969), extensive dance training programs; **Ailey Arts in Education & Community Programs**, bringing dance into classrooms and communities; and **The Ailey Extension**, dance and fitness classes for the general public at Ailey’s home – **The Joan Weill Center for Dance** in New York City—New York’s largest building for dance.

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