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# ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER

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## Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater 2014 Season Led by Artistic Director Robert Battle Reaches Atlanta's Fox Theatre from February 13 – 16, 2014

*Tickets On-Sale Now for Five Performances including Friday Valentine's Day and Saturday, Family Matinee Programs*

ATLANTA – (October 15, 2013) – New York-based [Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater](#), beloved as one of the world's most popular dance companies, will visit Atlanta from February 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> as part of a 23-city North American tour that marks the 25<sup>th</sup> season since the passing of legendary founder Alvin Ailey. Led by Artistic Director [Robert Battle](#), Ailey's extraordinary dancers will grace the historic Fox Theatre stage for five inspiring performances with an exciting collection of premieres and new productions from a wide range of renowned choreographers.

Building upon last season's success, the highly anticipated engagement will newly reveal the power, passion and astonishing beauty of Ailey's 30 renowned dancers. Advancing a cherished 55-year legacy, Battle's vision is taking the Company to new artistic heights and has been widely applauded by audiences and critics.

"Ailey strives to find new ways to be a beacon of artistic excellence and light," said Robert Battle. "My amazing dancers surpass boundaries, embodying the vision of great choreographers to create something extraordinary. I am excited to share this season's cornucopia of treasures with our Atlanta audience, as we continue to build upon Ailey's rich history of inspiring all through dance."



Please Credit Photo: The Company with Artistic Director Robert Battle and Associate Artistic Director Masazumi Chaya. Photo by Andrew Eccles

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Alvin Ailey's must-see *Revelations* will also be back to inspire audiences at each performance. It has made its way around the world over the past 53 years as a poignant American masterpiece, marked by its ability to transcend all cultural barriers in a hopeful celebration of the human spirit. Ailey invites you to bring a loved one to the **Valentine's Day** performance on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 8pm or the whole family to the Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm **Family Matinee** program, which will be followed by a question-and-answer session with Ailey's acclaimed dancers and includes a buy one, get one at 50 percent off special offer.



Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's Antonio Douthit-Boyd. Photo: Andrew Eccles

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Tickets start at \$25 for Ailey's 2014 Atlanta engagement from February 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> and are currently available for purchase at The Fox Theatre box office, 660 Peachtree Street NE, [www.alvinailey.org](http://www.alvinailey.org), [www.foxatltix.com](http://www.foxatltix.com) or by calling 855-ATL-TIXX. Groups of 10 or more can save by calling 404-881-2000.

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**The 2014 U.S. Tour is supported, in part, by the National Endowment for the Arts.**

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### **Calendar Listing Information**

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's extraordinary dancers return to center stage at the Fox Theatre from February 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> with premieres, new productions, and *Revelations* for five audience-captivating performances only.

### **Ailey's 2014 Atlanta Engagement Performance dates and times:**

Thursday, Feb. 13 at 8 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 16 at 3 p.m.

### **Tickets**

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- **Student tickets** are available for Thursday, February 13 at 8 p.m. for \$10 with valid student ID. Tickets must be purchased at the Fox Theatre box office prior to 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 13 (Limit two per ID and subject to availability).
- Tickets for the one-hour **Student Performance** on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. are available by calling group sales at (404) 881-2000.
- The Saturday **Family Matinee** tickets are buy one, get one 50 percent off with a free post-performance Q&A with the dancers.

### **ABOUT ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER**

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 March 1958 performance in New York that changed forever the perception of 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. In addition to being the Principal Dance Company of New York City Center, where its performances have become a year-end tradition, the Ailey company performs annually at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, the Auditorium Theatre in Chicago, the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County in Miami, The Fox Theatre in Atlanta, Zellerbach Hall in Berkeley, CA and at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark (where it is the Principal Resident Affiliate), and appears frequently in other major theaters throughout the United States and the world during extensive yearly tours. The Ailey organization also includes Ailey II (1974), a second performing company of emerging young dancers and innovative choreographers; The Ailey School (1969), one of the most extensive dance training programs in the world; Ailey Arts in Education & Community Programs, which brings dance into the classrooms, communities and lives of people of all ages; and The Ailey Extension (2005), a program offering dance and fitness classes to the general public, which began with the opening of Ailey's permanent home—the largest building dedicated to dance in New York City, the dance capital of the world —named The Joan Weill Center for Dance, at 55th Street at 9th Avenue in New York City. For more information, visit [www.alvinailey.org](http://www.alvinailey.org).

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