

ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER

AKUA NONI PARKER (Kingston, NC) began dancing at the age of three. She later moved to Wilmington, DE and continued her training at the Academy of the Dance until she graduated high school. In 1999, she joined Dance Theater of Harlem where she danced leading roles in *Giselle*, *Agon*, and *The Four Temperaments*. In 2005, she joined Cincinnati Ballet where she danced soloist roles in *Swan Lake* and *Lambarena*. In 2006, Ms. Parker joined Ballet San Jose where she was the first African-American woman to dance the Sugar Plum Fairy in *The Nutcracker*. She teaches master classes throughout the country, has coached young dancers for YAGP, and worked on the film *Enemy Within* as a wardrobe consultant and rehearsal director. Since joining the Company, she has had the pleasure of performing at the Gala of International Dance Stars. She joined the Company in 2008.

