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# THE AILEY EXTENSION

## Ailey Celebrates NYC Dance Week with FREE Class Offers at The Ailey Extension and Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Performances at Lincoln Center



Left to right: Horton, Ballet & Yoga. Photos by Joe Epstein.

(New York) June 17, 2014 – Ailey celebrates **NYC Dance Week** - a city-wide 10 day festival from June 19<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup> that celebrates the joy and benefits of dance – with free class offers at The Ailey Extension and performances by Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater’s amazing dancers at Lincoln Center that have been called “pure exhilaration.”

The week kicks off at the Ailey Studios with a free [Hip-Hop Dance](#) class, led by instructor [Tweetboogie](#), open to all new students on Friday, June 20 from 6:30-7:30pm, followed by [“World Dance Celebration”](#) performances June 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. In addition, throughout [NYC Dance Week](#), new students can experience any one of The Ailey Extension’s over 25 different techniques – including Zumba, Danzation, Hip Hop, Salsa, House, Street Jazz, Samba and West African – for FREE (Current students will receive a bonus class with purchase of a 10-Class Card during this period).

Celebrate [NYC Dance Week](#) and use these special offers to add some new techniques to your workout just in time for summer. NYC Dance Week pass (downloadable [here](#)) MUST be presented for all FREE classes. People from all walks of life dance for fun and fitness at The Ailey Extension, which offers a schedule of over 80 classes per week (visit [www.aileyextension.com](http://www.aileyextension.com)).

In addition to classes at The Ailey Extension, **New Yorkers shouldn’t miss the chance to be inspired by Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater during a [limited engagement at Lincoln Center’s David H. Koch Theater](#)**. Four different programs will be performed through June 22<sup>nd</sup> featuring the world premiere of *The Pleasure of The Lesson* by Robert Moses, new productions of Hans van Manen’s *Polish Pieces* and David Parsons’ gravity-defying *Caught*, and the Company premiere of Asadata Dafora’s groundbreaking 1932 solo, *Awassa Astrige/Ostrich*. Through a special **“Ticket to Dance”** promotion, audience members can use their ticket stub to take their first class free in the coming year at The Ailey Extension (Current students will receive a bonus class with the purchase of a 10-Class Card). For further information, and to purchase tickets starting at \$25, please visit [www.alvinailey.org](http://www.alvinailey.org).

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

**PRESS:** For additional press materials including photos, video, and class descriptions please visit the links below or [pressroom.alvinailey.org](http://pressroom.alvinailey.org)

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### **About NYC Dance Week:**

Now in its third year, New York City Dance Week collaborates with noted studios in New York City to celebrating the joy and diversity of dance with an exhilarating 10-day festival of FREE dance, fitness and wellness classes. The festival engages the community and families to experience dance, encouraging them to live active, healthy lifestyles. The organization moves beyond traditional dance forms to teach participants how all dance genres benefit mind, body and spirit. The event is held in June at a variety of venues throughout New York City and serves thousands.

### **About The Ailey Extension:**

Since its inception in 2005, The Ailey Extension has fulfilled Mr. Ailey's life-long commitment of bringing dance to everyone by offering "real classes for real people." The Ailey Extension offers over 80 classes per week in more than 25 different dance and fitness techniques such as [Horton](#), [Ballet](#), [Masala Bhangra](#), [West African](#), [Samba](#), [Jazz](#), [Zumba](#), [House](#), Danzation, and [Hip Hop](#). All levels are welcome, including beginners! Over 75,000 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!