

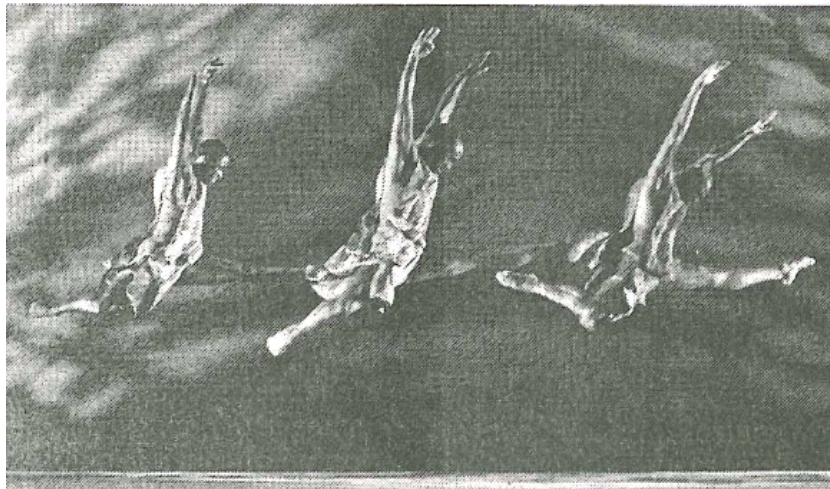
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## Two Ailey Dancers Leave For Posts in St. Louis

The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater is losing two treasured members this summer. **Antonio Douthit-Boyd** and **Kirven Douthit-Boyd**, who were married in 2013, have been named the artistic directors of the Center of Creative Arts, in St. Louis, where Antonio Douthit-Boyd (below right, with **Samuel Roberts**, left, and Kirven Douthit-Boyd) trained. Before they take up the jobs, on Aug. 15, they will perform their final New York season with Ailey at the David H. Koch Theater in June, followed by a Paris engagement in July.

For years, the two have taught at the center in January. "I knew that we could do so much more with the kids on a year-round basis," Antonio, 34, said. They hope, as Kirven, 30, said, to place it "on the map as one of the best training institutions for young kids in the country." **GIA KOURLAS**



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