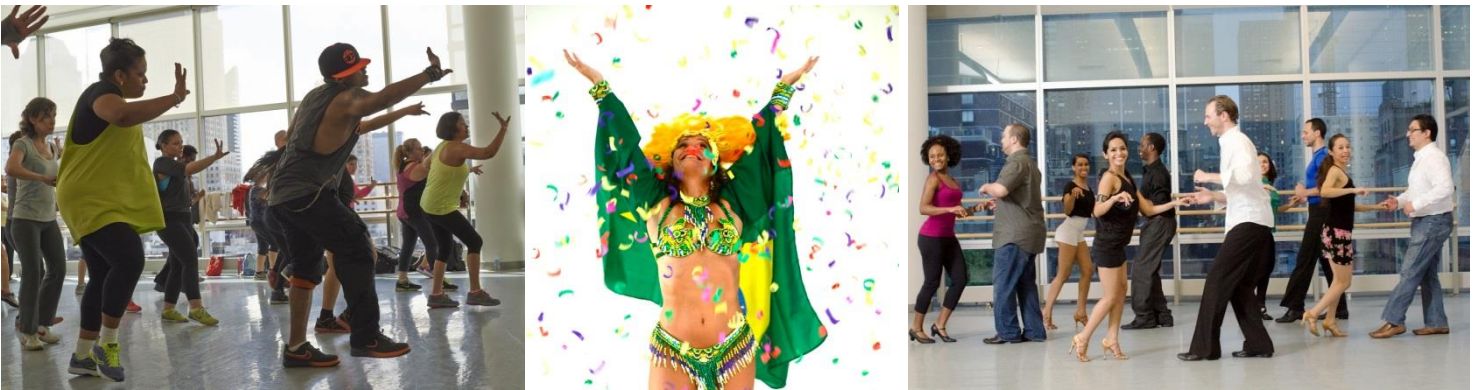


# THE AILEY EXTENSION

## Things Heat Up at The Ailey Extension in February with Celebrations of Love and Culture!

Celebrating Brazilian Carnival – Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>  
Valentine's Zumba® Dance Parties – Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>  
Valentine's Day Salsa – Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>



Left to right: Zumba with Richard Martinez. Photo by Tiba Viera. Carnival with Quenia Ribiero. Photo courtesy of the instructor. Salsa with Baila Society. Photo by Kyle Froman.

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**(New York) January 26, 2016** — It may be cold outside, but things are hotter than ever at the Ailey Extension! Join us for a weekend-long celebration of love and culture with a series of special events: **Celebrating Brazilian Carnival** and two **Valentine's Zumba® Dance Parties** on **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**, and **Valentine's Day Salsa** on **Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**.

On **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**, **Samba** instructor **Quenia Ribiero** leads participants on a full-day journey **Celebrating Brazilian Carnival**. The Ailey Extension will offer open level dance and drumming workshops throughout the day, including **Samba in Platform Heels** (1-2pm), **Samba Drumming with Nick Birmelin** (2-3:30pm) and **Samba Reggae/Samba Da Bahia** (4-6pm), followed by a **Brazilian Carnival Party** (7-11pm). Come for one event or sign up for the full day of revelry!

The Ailey Extension's Valentine's weekend festivities will also kick off on **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** with two 90-minute, heart-pumping workouts for students of all levels. **Richard Martinez will lead a Valentine's Zumba® Dance Party at 11:30am**, and **Karen Arceneaux will lead the 6:00pm Zumba® Dance Party**. These events are a fun, heart-healthy way to start this special weekend, and participants are encouraged to wear red.

The celebration continues on **Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** during **Valentine's Day Salsa with Baila Society** at **7:00pm**. Whether you come alone or with a sweetheart, this 2-hour workshop is sure to spice up your Valentine's Day. Meet new people, enjoy the rhythmic Latin music, and learn moves that will turn heads on the dance floor. This event is led by the world's most sought after salsa instructors, and no experience is required.

For the complete Ailey Extension schedule or to register, visit [www.aileyextension.com](http://www.aileyextension.com).

For additional press materials including photos, video, and class descriptions please visit the links below or <http://pressroom.alvinailey.org/>.

## FEBRUARY WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

### Celebrating Brazilian Carnaval

Saturday, February 13; 1:00pm-11:00pm

Samba in Platform Heels; 1:00pm-2:00pm

Samba Drumming with Nick Birmelin; 2:00pm-3:30pm

Samba Reggae / Samba Da Bahia; 4:00pm-6:00pm

Brazilian Carnaval Party; 7:00pm-11:00pm

*\$25/per person for single workshop; \$80/person for full day (\$75 before Jan 31)*

### Valentine's Zumba Dance Party with Richard Martinez

Saturday, February 13; 11:30am-1:00pm

*\$25/person*

### Valentine's Zumba Dance Party with Karen Arceneaux

Saturday, February 13; 6:00pm-7:00pm

*\$25/person*

### Valentine's Day Salsa

Sunday, February 14; 7:00pm-9:00pm

*\$25/per person; \$50 per couple (\$45 before Feb 10)*

For more information on group visits or to schedule your trip, visit the group visits page [here](#).

### Electronic Press Kit

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 of over 80 classes per week in more than 25 different dance and fitness techniques such as [Ballet](#), [West African](#), [Samba](#), [Jazz](#), [Zumba](#), [House](#) and [Hip Hop](#). All levels are welcome, including beginners! Over 100,000 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!

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