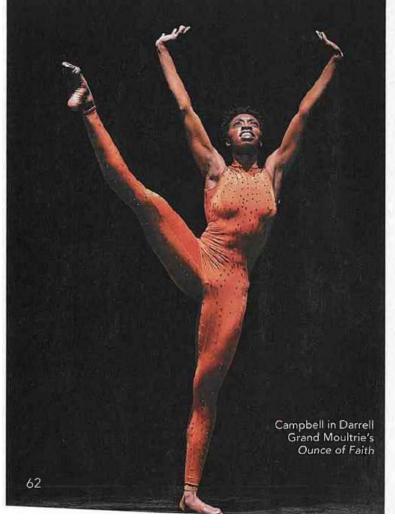


25 to Watch: Khalia Campbell

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Breakout stars, paradigm shifters, game changers. Our annual list of the dancers, choreographers and companies that are on the verge of skyrocketing has a knack for illuminating where the dance world is headed. Here they are: the 25 up-and-coming artists we believe are ready to take our field by storm.

Oluwadamilare "Dare" Ayorinde | Luis Beltran |
Khalia Campbell | Jay Carlon | Kara Chan | Zimmi Coker
Julie Crothers | Tatiana Desardouin | Joyce Edwards |
Hannah Garner | Gabrielle Hamilton | Luke Hickey |
Airi Igarashi | Tommie Kesten | LED | Maya Man |
Annie Morgan | Mira Nadon | Tobias Praetorius |
Abdiel Figuerca Reyes | Joseph Sissens | Maya Taylor |
Lizzie Tripp | Ashley R.T. Yergens | Zenon Zubyk



KHALIA CAMPBELL

Dancer, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Emotions flood through Khalia Campbell's every move. As "the umbrella woman" in Ailey's Revelations, her torso and arms ripple with joy. As a soloist in Darrell Grand Moultrie's Ounce of Faith, she turns heads with dancing that's smooth and silky, yet sharp and purposeful.

Campbell first stood out as a long-legged gazelle on the Ailey II stage. But since joining the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in 2018, she's become even more commanding. Proud of her role in the company's legacy, the Bronx native holds nothing back onstage, generously giving her all to the work—not just physically, but spiritually. — Charmaine Warren