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# ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER

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## **AILEY CELEBRATES NYC DANCE WEEK JUNE 9-18 WITH ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER'S RETURN TO LINCOLN CENTER, FREE AILEY EXTENSION 'DANCE IN TIMES SQUARE' WORKSHOPS, AND AILEY ALL ACCESS VIRTUAL OFFERINGS**

**Six-Performance Engagement Capping Artistic Director Robert Battle's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season Marks Ailey's Return to Lincoln Center June 15 - 19**

**Ailey Extension Partners with TSQ Live to Bring "Real Classes for Real People" to the Crossroads of the World for Free "Dance in Times Square" Outdoor Workshops on June 10 and 17**

**Ailey All Access Offers Free Broadcast of Alvin Ailey's Iconic Masterpiece *Revelations* through June 19 and Free Ailey Extension Online Contemporary Modern Workshop with Former Ailey Dancer Linda Celeste Sims on June 18**



*Photos: NY Style Mambo with Katherine Jimenez at Dance in Times Square with Ailey Extension. Photo by Grace Landefeld; Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's Jacqueline Green and James Gilmer. Photo by Dario Calmese; Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in Alvin Ailey's Revelations. Photo by Christopher Duggan*

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**New York – June 9, 2022** – Ailey is celebrating NYC Dance Week from June 9-18 with an assortment of in-person and virtual performances and free dance workshops. Throughout this joyous, dance-filled week New Yorkers of all backgrounds are welcomed to witness dynamic performances by [Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater](http://AlvinAileyAmericanDanceTheater.org)'s acclaimed dancers at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, enjoy a virtual broadcast from the comfort of wherever they are, and take part in free [Ailey Extension](http://AileyExtension.org) workshops either outdoors in the heart of Times Square or by joining in virtually.

After a three-year hiatus [Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater returns to Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts](#) during NYC Dance Week for a six-performance engagement at the David H. Koch Theater from **June 15-19** that caps a decade of Artistic Director Robert Battle's leadership. In addition to diverse programs featuring the world premiere of Ailey Resident Choreographer Jamar Roberts' [In a Sentimental Mood](#) and company premiere of Paul Taylor's [DUET](#), the season includes [The Ailey Spirit Gala Benefit](#) with Honorary Chair Grammy® Emmy® and Tony® Award-winning actress, singer and producer Cynthia Erivo, and an evening [Celebrating Jacqueline Green](#), which pays tribute to the artistry of the acclaimed dancer who lit up the Ailey stage for more than a decade as she bids farewell to the Company. The inspiring finale for each performance is Alvin Ailey's signature masterpiece [Revelations](#); which has been seen by more audiences around the world than any other work since its creation in 1960. For more information, and to purchase **tickets starting at \$29**, please visit [alvinailey.org](http://alvinailey.org).

Dance lovers of all ages, backgrounds, and experience levels are invited to join in the dance with **Ailey Extension** during [Dance in Times Square](#) – a series of free outdoor dance and fitness classes at the Broadway Plaza between 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> streets. Each **Friday at 5pm** Ailey Extension brings its “real classes for real people” to the crossroads of the world where fun unfolds for all with high-spirited dance sessions led by Ailey Extension's elite instructors. On **June 10** participants can learn fundamental [Hip-hop](#) steps with [Jonathan Lee](#); then sweat it out during a [Zumba®](#) dance cardio class with [Jose Ozuna](#). On **June 17** students will practice performing [Broadway Jazz](#) combinations with confidence from [Judine Somerville](#). Dance in Times Square is presented in partnership with the Times Square Alliance as part of [TSQ LIVE](#), an open-air series showcasing the incredible diversity of talent that our district and city have to offer across a spectrum of engaging artforms – free and accessible to the growing number of New Yorkers and visitors alike headed to Times Square. For more information on how to keep moving with Ailey in Times Square and to register in advance, please visit [timesquarenyc.org/tsqlive](http://timesquarenyc.org/tsqlive).

Those who can't join Ailey in-person are encouraged to enjoy free virtual performances and workshops from wherever they are via [Ailey All Access](#), an online initiative featuring a series of performance broadcasts and Ailey Extension dance and fitness workshops. Now through Sunday, June 19, people around the world can view a recent recording of Alvin Ailey's beloved *Revelations*, performed at Ailey's December 2021 Opening Night Gala.

All are invited to close out NYC Dance Week with Ailey Extension on **June 18 at 1pm ET** during an [Online Contemporary Modern Workshop](#) led by beloved former Ailey dancer [Linda Celeste Sims](#). Participants will learn the basics of the contemporary technique that features influences of modern and other techniques with a wide range of expressive movements and syncopated rhythms. This workshop is designed for students of all experience levels to build a strong foundation, develop their technique, and find their individual style. In addition, Ailey Extension offers more than 40 in-studio or online classes seven days a week in a variety of dance and fitness styles including West African, ballet, Horton, Masala Bhangra, yoga, Pilates, and more techniques. For more information, or to sign up, please visit [alvinailey.org/extension](http://alvinailey.org/extension).

#### **ABOUT ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER**

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, recognized by U.S. Congressional resolution as a vital American “Cultural Ambassador to the World,” grew from a now-fabled March 1958 performance in New York that changed forever the perception of American dance. Founded by Alvin Ailey, recent posthumous recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom—the nation's highest civilian honor, and guided by Judith Jamison beginning in 1989, the Company is now led by Robert Battle, whom Judith Jamison chose to succeed her on July 1, 2011. Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater has performed for an estimated 25 million people in 71 countries on six continents, promoting the uniqueness of the African American cultural experience and the preservation and enrichment of the American modern dance tradition. In addition to being the Principal Dance Company of New York City Center, where its performances have become a year-end tradition, the Ailey company performs annually at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, the Auditorium Theatre in Chicago, the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County in Miami, The Fox Theatre in Atlanta, Zellerbach Hall in Berkeley, CA, and at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark (where it is the Principal Resident Affiliate), and appears frequently in other major theaters throughout the United States

and the world during extensive yearly tours. The Ailey organization also includes Ailey II (1974), a second performing company of emerging young dancers and innovative choreographers; The Ailey School (1969), one of the most extensive dance training programs in the world; Ailey Arts in Education & Community Programs, which brings dance into the classrooms, communities, and lives of people of all ages; and The Ailey Extension (2005), a program offering dance and fitness classes to the general public, which began with the opening of Ailey's permanent home—the largest building dedicated to dance in New York City, the dance capital of the world—named The Joan Weill Center for Dance, at 55th Street at 9th Avenue in New York City. For more information, visit [www.alvinailey.org](http://www.alvinailey.org).

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