Press Representative:

Evita McDaniels I evita@broughtonmc.com

Ailey Public Relations:

Christopher Zunner: <a href="mailto:czunner@alvinailey.org">czunner@alvinailey.org</a>
Tracy Severe: <a href="mailto:tsevere@alvinailey.org">tsevere@alvinailey.org</a>

II | THE AILEY SCHOOL | AILEY ARTS IN EDUCATION & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS | AILEY EXTENSION

The Joan Weill Center for Dance 405 West 55th St, New York NY 10019-4402 (212) 405-9000 AlvinAiley.org

Robert Battle, Artistic Director Matthew Rushing, Associate Artistic Director Bennett Rink, Executive Director Alvin Ailey, Founder Judith Jamison, Artistic Director Emerita

# ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER RETURNS DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH TO ATLANTA'S FABULOUS FOX THEATRE FEBRUARY 16-19, 2023, AS PART OF 22-CITY NORTH AMERICAN TOUR

All Performances Feature Alvin Ailey's American Must-See Masterpiece *Revelations*Being Celebrated with Free Online Revelations Around the World Workshop on December 3

Tickets Now on Sale! Spread Holiday Cheer and Save 25% Before Christmas

ATLANTA – November 16, 2022 – <u>Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater</u>, beloved as one of the world's most popular dance companies, announces a return to the <u>Fabulous Fox Theatre</u>, <u>February 16-19</u> as part of a 22-city North American tour. Led by Artistic Director <u>Robert Battle</u>, the 2023 Atlanta engagement will showcase the passionate spirit and extraordinary technique of Ailey's dancers in five exciting performances featuring premieres, new productions and repertory favorites.

The inspiring **finale of all programs will be Alvin Ailey's must-see American masterpiece** <u>Revelations</u>, acclaimed around the world for sending hearts soaring and lifting audiences to their feet. Since its debut in 1960, <u>Revelations</u> has been seen by more people around the world than any other modern dance work moving audiences with its powerful storytelling and soul-stirring music, evoking timeless themes of determination, hope, and transcendence. Springing from Ailey's childhood memories of growing up in the south and attending services at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Texas, <u>Revelations</u> pays homage to the rich cultural heritage of the African American and explores the emotional spectrum of the human condition.

In celebration of *Revelations*, <u>Ailey Extension</u> is inviting Atlantans to join in the dance with fans globally on December 3 at 3pm by learning Alvin Ailey's iconic choreography during a **FREE online** <u>Revelations</u> Around the World Workshop with Director of Ailey Extension <u>Lisa Johnson-Willingham</u>. For more information, please visit <u>alvinailey.org/extension</u>.

To help introduce young audiences to the magic of Ailey during Black History Month, a school-time performance on Friday, February 17 at 10:30 am will engage and enlighten Atlanta students. The hour-long program, moderated by one of the dancers, will give young audiences a peak behind the scenes into the world of dance and introduces young audiences to the magic of Alvin Ailey's must-see masterpiece *Revelations*. Call 404-881-2000 to arrange \$10 student group tickets.

In 1958, Alvin Ailey and a small group of dancers took the stage in New York and forever changed American dance and culture. One of the country's groundbreaking greats, his Company earned a reputation as one of the finest international ambassadors of American culture, promoting the uniqueness of the African American cultural experience and the preservation and enrichment of American modern dance. Now in its seventh decade, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater continues to move forward under the leadership of Artistic Director Robert Battle, along with Associate Artistic Director Matthew Rushing, a renowned former dancer who is marking his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Ailey this season. In 2014, Robert Battle accepted the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, on behalf of the late Alvin Ailey, a trailblazing artist who is the subject of the acclaimed documentary Ailey, currently streaming on Hulu.

Right now, it's easier than ever to **share the magic of Ailey with those on your holiday gift list** by saving 25% on tickets \$39 or higher when you purchase by December 24 using code CHEER. Tickets starting at \$29, are now on sale at The Fox Theatre box office, 660 Peachtree Street NE, <a href="www.alvinailey.org">www.alvinailey.org</a>, <a href="www.alvinailey.org">www.foxatltix.com</a> or by calling 855-285-8499. Full programming will be announced at a later date.

Approved masks are strongly encouraged but not required. CDC guidelines state that bandanas, gaiters, or masks with vents/valves are not approved masks. The Fox Theatre is committed to following the latest health and safety protocols established by the CDC, local government, and unions. For the latest updates, please visit foxtheatre.org.

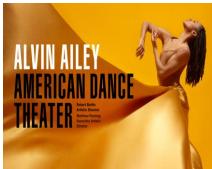
For more information on Ailey's upcoming performances, visit <u>www.alvinailey.org</u>. For additional press materials, including bios, b-roll, and photos, members of the media may visit <u>pressroom.alvinailey.org</u>.

Bank of America is Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's North American Tour Sponsor.

The 2023 National Tour is supported, in part, by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Atlanta-Journal Constitution, Georgia-Pacific, Georgia Power, and Home Depot are all Ailey in Atlanta supporters.







2022-2023 Season Image. Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's Jacquelin Harris. Photo by Dario Calmese; Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in Alvin Ailey's *Revelations*. Photo by Paul Kolnik. Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's Solomon Dumas, Khalia Campbell and Samantha Figgins in Alvin Ailey's *Revelations*. Photo by Paul Kolnik.

Please credit photos. Ctrl+Click the photos for hi-res download.

# **Calendar Listing Information**

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater returns during Black History Month to center stage at The Fabulous Fox Theatre from February 16-19. Led by Artistic Director Robert Battle, the highly-anticipated 2023 Atlanta engagement showcases the passionate spirit and extraordinary technique of Ailey's dancers in premieres, new productions and repertory favorites. The uplifting finale of all five audience-captivating performances will be the must-see masterpiece Revelations. Tickets, starting at \$29, are available at The Fox Theatre box office, 660 Peachtree Street NE, www.alvinailey.org, www.foxatltix.com or by calling 855-285-8499.

## Ailey's 2023 Atlanta Engagement Performance Dates and Times:

Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. / Student Performance – Friday, Feb. 17 at 10:30 a.m.

# **Tickets**

<u>Tickets for Ailey's 2023 Atlanta engagement</u> from February 16 to 19 are on sale starting at \$29 at The Fox Theatre box office, 660 Peachtree Street NE, <u>www.alvinailey.org</u>, <u>www.foxatltix.com</u> or by calling 855-285-8499. Atlantans can take advantage of a variety of special offers:

- Save 25% on tickets \$39 or higher when you purchase by December 24 using code CHEER (limited 8 tickets per order and subject to availability).
- **Student tickets** are available for all performances except Saturday, February 18 matinee for \$15 or two for \$25 with a valid student ID. Tickets must be purchased at the Fox Theatre box office (limit two per ID and subject to availability).
- Groups of 10 or more can receive up to 25% off by calling 404-881-2000 or completing a <u>request form</u> online (discounts applied to tickets regularly priced \$39 or higher).

### **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 6 continents – as well as millions more through television broadcasts, film screenings, and online platforms - 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 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.

###