

# ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER

Alvin Ailey, Founder  
Judith Jamison, Artistic Director Emerita

## COMPANY MEMBERS

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Jacquelin Harris  
Michael Jackson, Jr.  
Yazzmeen Laidler  
Yannick Lebrun  
Xavier Mack  
Renaldo Maurice  
Ashley Mayeux  
Corrin Rachele Mitchell  
Chalvar Monteiro

Alisha Rena Peek  
Jessica Amber Pinkett  
Miranda Quinn  
Hannah Alissa Richardson  
Deidre Rogan  
Constance Stamatiou  
Christopher Taylor  
Jermaine Terry  
De'Anthony Vaughan  
Isabel Wallace-Green  
Christopher R. Wilson

Matthew Rushing, Associate Artistic Director

Ronni Favors, Rehearsal Director  
Clifton Brown, Assistant Rehearsal Director  
Kanji Segawa, Assistant Rehearsal Director

Bennett Rink, Executive Director

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 2 at 7:30pm**

**FOLLOWING THE SUBTLE CURRENT UPSTREAM**

(2000)

Choreography by Alonzo King

Rehearsal Associate Meredith Webster

Music by Zakir Hussain, Miguel Frasconi, and Miriam Makeba

Costumes by Robert Rosenwasser

Original Lighting Design by Axel Morgenthaler

Lighting by Al Crawford

Khalia Campbell, Caroline T. Dartey, Isaiah Day, Coral Dolphin, James Gilmer,  
Jacquelin Harris, Michael Jackson, Jr., Ashley Mayeux, Christopher R. Wilson

*“No weapon can pierce the soul; no fire can burn it; no water can moisten it; nor can any wind wither it. The soul is uncleavable [indivisible]; it cannot be burnt or wetted or dried. The soul is immutable, all-permeating, ever calm, and immovable— eternally the same. The soul is said to be imponderable, unmanifested, and unchangeable. Therefore, knowing it to be such, thou should not lament!”*

—The Bhagavad Gita II:23-25

This new production of *Following the Subtle Current Upstream* is made possible by Crawford Parker, M.D.

**Alonzo King** calls his works “thought structures” formed by the manipulation of energies that exist in matter, through laws that govern the shapes and movement directions of everything that exists. Named a choreographer with “astonishing originality” by *The New York Times*, King has created works for ABT, Royal Swedish Ballet, Joffrey, PNB, San Francisco Ballet, Ballet Béjart, Frankfurt Ballet, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Ballets de Monte-Carlo, Hong Kong Ballet, Hubbard Street, Ballet Rambert, National Ballet of Canada, and many others. His work has been recognized internationally by the dance world’s most prestigious institutions. Named a Master of Choreography by the Kennedy Center in 2005, King is the recipient of the NEA Choreographer’s Fellowship, the Jacob’s Pillow Creativity Award, the US Artist Award in Dance, NY Bessie Award, and the National Dance Project’s Residency and Touring Awards. In 2015 he received the Doris Duke Artist Award in recognition of his ongoing contributions to the advancement of contemporary dance. Joining historic icons in the field, King was named one of America’s “Irreplaceable Dance Treasures” by the Dance Heritage Coalition. He is a former San Francisco commissioner, and a writer and lecturer on humanity and art. He holds an honorary Doctorate from Dominican University, California Institute of the Arts, and The Juilliard School.

“Unhome” – Miriam Makeba (Makeba Music Corp.) courtesy of Novus and Bonji Music distributed by BMG.

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## **DANCING SPIRIT**

(2009, new production 2023)

Choreography by Ronald K. Brown

Rehearsal Associates: Arcell Cabuag, Matthew Rushing

Music by Duke Ellington, Wynton Marsalis, Radiohead, War

Costumes by Omotayo Wunmi Olaiya

Lighting by Clifton Taylor

*Happy Birthday, Judith Jamison!*

Constance Stamatiou, Sarah Daley-Perdomo, Yazzmeen Laidler,

Ashley Kaylynn Green, Yannick Lebrun, Jermaine Terry,

Renaldo Maurice, Chalvar Monteiro, Xavier Mack

Generous support for this new production of *Dancing Spirit* was received from an Anonymous supporter, Judith McDonough Kaminski & Joseph Kaminski, Sara & Bill Morgan New Works Endowment Fund, Dr. Crawford Parker, and the Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey through the generosity of its donors.

Fabric dyeing of costumes by Shayee Awoyom.

**Ronald K. Brown** is an advocate for the growth of the African American dance community and uses movement as a way to acquaint audiences with the beauty of traditional African forms and rhythms. Mr. Brown founded Brooklyn-based EVIDENCE, A Dance Company in 1985 and has also set works on Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Ailey II, Cleo Parker Robinson Ensemble, Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, Jennifer Muller/The Works, Jeune Ballet d'Afrique Noire, Ko-Thi Dance Company, PHILADANCO!, and others. Mr. Brown choreographed Regina Taylor's award-winning play, *Crowns*, for which he won an AUDELCO Award. In addition, he has received a John Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship, a National Endowment for the Arts Choreographers Fellowship, a New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship, and a United States Artists Fellowship, among others.

"The Single Petal of a Rose" by Duke Ellington, performed by Stefon Harris, courtesy of Sony Music Entertainment, by arrangement with Sony Music Licensing. "What Have You Done?" by Wynton Marsalis, performed by Wynton Marsalis, Victor Goines, Wycliffe Gordon, Douglas Wamble, Reginald Veal, Herlin Riley and Eric Lewis, by arrangement with Wynton Marsalis Enterprises, Inc. "The Single Petal of a Rose" performed by Joe Temperley, courtesy of Sony Music Entertainment, by arrangement with Sony Music Licensing. "Tsotsobi - The Morning Star (Children)" by Wynton Marsalis, performed by Wynton Marsalis, Yacub Addy, Odadaa!, and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, by arrangement Wynton Marsalis Enterprises, Inc. "Everything In Its Right Place" performed by the Vitamin String Quartet and written by Colin Charles Greenwood, Philip James Selway, Edward John O'Brien, Jonathan Greenwood and Thomas Edward Yorke courtesy of Warner Chappell Music LTD (PRS) All Rights Administered by WC Music Corp. "Flying Machine (The Chase)" written by S. Allen, H. Brown, M. Dickerson, L. Jordan, C. Miller, L. Oskar and H. Scott," courtesy of BMG Rights Management.

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## REVELATIONS

(1960)

Choreography by Alvin Ailey

Music: Traditional

Décor and Costumes by Ves Harper

Costumes for "Rocka My Soul" redesigned by Barbara Forbes

Lighting by Nicola Cernovitch

## PILGRIM OF SORROW

I Been 'Buked .....The Company  
Arranged by Hall Johnson\*

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel .....Patrick Coker,  
Arranged by James Miller+ Alisa Rena Peek, Hannah Alissa Richardson

Fix Me, Jesus.....Caroline T. Dartey, Michael Jackson, Jr.  
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Wade in the Water .....Ashley Kaylynn Green,  
Adapted and arranged by Howard A. Roberts Renaldo Maurice, Khalia Campbell  
"Wade in the Water" sequence by Ella Jenkins.  
"A Man Went Down to the River" is an original composition by Ella Jenkins.

I Wanna Be Ready .....Christopher R. Wilson  
Arranged by James Miller

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 3 at 2pm**

**AILEY CLASSICS**

Choreography by Alvin Ailey

All ballets in "Ailey Classics" have been restaged by Masazumi Chaya except where noted

Excerpt from **MEMORIA**

(1979)

Music by Keith Jarrett

Costumes by A. Christina Giannini

Lighting by Chenault Spence

Isabel Wallace-Green, James Gilmer, Yannick Lebrun,  
Jacquelin Harris, Hannah Alissa Richardson, Ashley Kaylynn Green,  
Chalvar Monteiro, Vernard J. Gilmore, Solomon Dumas

"Runes" (Keith Jarrett - Cavelight Music)

Keith Jarrett, Jan Garbarek, Charlie Haden, Members of the RSO Stuttgart, Mladen Gutesha

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Excerpts from **NIGHT CREATURE**

(1974)

Music by Duke Ellington

Costumes by Jane Greenwood

Costumes recreated by Barbara Forbes

Lighting by Chenault Spence

*Movement II*

Constance Stamatiou, Jermaine Terry & The Company

*Movement III*

Constance Stamatiou, Solomon Dumas,  
Hannah Alissa Richardson, Isaiah Day, Jessica Amber Pinkett, Patrick Coker,  
Caroline T. Dartey, Christopher Taylor, Coral Dolphin, Shawn Cusseaux,  
Deidre Rogan, Xavier Mack, Alisha Rena Peek, De'Anthony Vaughan

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Excerpt from **PAS DE DUKE**  
(1976)

Music by Duke Ellington  
Costumes by Rouben Ter-Arutunian  
Lighting by Chenault Spence

Patrick Coker, Jacquelin Harris

"Such Sweet Thunder" used by arrangement with G. Schirmer, Inc., publisher and copyright owner.

Excerpt from **MASEKELA LANGAGE**  
(1969)

Music by Hugh Masekela  
Scenic Design by William Hammond  
Costumes by A. Christina Giannini  
Lighting by Chenault Spence

*Morolo*

Constance Stamatiou, Isaiah Day, De'Anthony Vaughan, Xavier Mack

"Morolo" composed by Hugh Masekela.

Excerpt from **OPUS McSHANN**  
(1988)

Music composed by Jay McShann and Walter Brown  
Performed by Jay McShann  
Sets and costumes by Randy Barcelo  
Lighting by Timothy Hunter

*Doo Wah Doo*

Renaldo Maurice, Vernard J. Gilmore

Excerpt from **LOVE SONGS**  
(1972)

"A Song for You," music and lyrics by Leon Russell  
Sung by Donny Hathaway  
Costume by Ursula Reed  
Lighting by Shirley Prendergast

Yannick Lebrun

"A Song for You," used by arrangement with Universal Music Corp.

Excerpt from **FOR 'BIRD' – WITH LOVE**

(1984)

“A Night In Tunisia” music by Dizzy Gillespie and Frank Paparelli

Set and costume design by Randy Barcelo

Lighting by Timothy Hunter

ALTO SAX: Vernard J. Gilmore

TRUMPET: Renaldo Maurice

PIANO: Isaiah Day

BASS: Solomon Dumas

DRUM: Xavier Mack

TENOR SAX: Christopher Taylor

WOMEN CLOSE TO HIM: Constance Stamatiou, Deidre Rogan,

Ashley Kaylynn Green, Alisha Rena Peek

SHOWGIRLS: Caroline T. Dartey, Isabel Wallace-Green

CLUB MANAGER: Michael Jackson, Jr.

“A Night In Tunisia” performed by Charlie Parker and John (Dizzy) Gillespie, composed by Coleridge - Taylor Perkinson.

**REFLECTIONS IN D**

Restaged by Judith Jamison

Music by Duke Ellington (“Reflections in D”)

Costume recreated by Jon Taylor

Lighting by Nicola Cernovitch

Sarah Daley-Perdomo

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Excerpt from **FOR 'BIRD' – WITH LOVE**

(1984)

“Bird Lives” music by Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson

Set and costume design by Randy Barcelo

Lighting by Timothy Hunter

Vernard J. Gilmore, Michael Jackson, Jr.,

Xavier Mack, Isaiah Day, De'Anthony Vaughan, Isaiah Day, Shawn Cusseaux,  
Alisha Rena Peek, Deidre Rogan, Hannah Alissa Richardson, Ashley Kaylynn Green

Original music composed, assembled, and conducted by Coleridge Taylor Perkinson

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## ABOUT THE COMPANY

When Alvin Ailey and a small group of African American dancers took the stage on March 30, 1958, at New York City's 92nd Street Y, the engagement was for one night only, but it turned out to be the start of a new era in the arts. Mr. Ailey envisioned a company dedicated to enriching the American modern dance heritage and preserving the uniqueness of the African American cultural experience. He became one of the trailblazers of modern dance, and the work of his Company grew to encompass education, community outreach, and cultural diplomacy. To date, the Company has gone on to perform for an estimated 25 million people at theaters in 48 states and 71 countries on six continents—as well as millions more through television, film, and online. More than 270 works by over 100 choreographers have been part of the Ailey repertory. In 2008, a U.S. Congressional resolution designated the Company as “a vital American cultural ambassador to the world.” Before his untimely death in 1989, Mr. Ailey named Judith Jamison as his successor, and over the next 21 years, she brought the Company to unprecedented success. Ms. Jamison, in turn, personally selected Robert Battle to succeed her in 2011.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater gratefully acknowledges  
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which provides vital support for Ailey's national and international tours.

### ALVIN AILEY FOUNDER

Alvin Ailey was born on January 5, 1931, in Rogers, Texas. His experiences of life in the rural South would later inspire some of his most memorable works. He was introduced to dance in Los Angeles by performances of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo and the Katherine Dunham Dance Company, and his formal dance training began with an introduction to Lester Horton's classes by his friend Carmen de Lavallade. Horton, the founder of one of the first racially integrated dance companies in the United States, became a mentor for Mr. Ailey as he embarked on his professional career. After Horton's death in 1953, Mr. Ailey became director of the Lester Horton Dance Theater and began to choreograph his own works. In the 1950s and 60s Mr. Ailey performed in four Broadway shows, including *House of Flowers* and *Jamaica*. In 1958, he founded Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. He established the Alvin Ailey American Dance Center (now The Ailey School) in 1969 and formed the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble (now Ailey II) in 1974. Mr. Ailey was a pioneer of programs promoting arts in education, particularly those benefiting underserved communities. Throughout his lifetime he was awarded numerous distinctions, including the Kennedy Center Honor in 1988 in recognition of his extraordinary contribution to American culture. In 2014, he posthumously received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the country's highest civilian honor, in recognition of his contributions and commitment to civil rights and dance in America. When Mr. Ailey died on December 1, 1989, *The New York Times* said of him, “you didn't need to have known [him] personally to have been touched by his humanity, enthusiasm, and exuberance and his courageous stand for multi-racial brotherhood.”

### MATTHEW RUSHING ASSOCIATE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Matthew Rushing was born in Los Angeles, California. He began his dance training with Kashmir Blake in Inglewood, California, and continued his training at the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts. He is the recipient of a Spotlight Award and a Dance Magazine Award and was named a Presidential Scholar in the Arts. He was a scholarship student at The Ailey School and later became a member of Ailey II. During his career Mr. Rushing has performed as a guest artist for galas in Vail, Colorado, as well as in Austria, Canada, France, Italy, and Russia. He has performed for Presidents George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama, as well as at the 2010 White House Dance Series. During his time with the Company, he has choreographed four ballets: *Acceptance In Surrender* (2005), a collaboration with Hope Boykin and Abdur-Rahim Jackson; *Uptown* (2009), a tribute to the Harlem Renaissance; *ODETTA* (2014), a celebration of “the queen of American folk music”; and *Testament* (2020), a tribute to Alvin Ailey's *Revelations* created in collaboration with Clifton Brown and Yusha-Marie Sorzano. In 2012 he created *Moan*, which was set on PHILADANCO! and premiered at The Joyce Theater. Mr. Rushing joined the Company in 1992, became Rehearsal Director in 2010, and Associate Artistic Director in January 2020.

**JUDITH JAMISON**  
**ARTISTIC DIRECTOR EMERITA**

Judith Jamison joined Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in 1965 and quickly became an international star. Over the following 15 years, Mr. Ailey created some of his most enduring roles for her, most notably the tour-de-force solo *Cry*. During the 1970s and 80s she appeared as a guest artist with ballet companies all over the world, starred in the hit Broadway musical *Sophisticated Ladies*, and formed her own company, The Jamison Project. She returned to Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in 1989 when Mr. Ailey asked her to succeed him as Artistic Director. In the 21 years that followed, she brought the Company to unprecedented heights—including two historic engagements in South Africa and a 50-city global tour to celebrate the Company's 50th anniversary. Ms. Jamison is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, among them a primetime Emmy Award, an American Choreography Award, a Kennedy Center Honor, a National Medal of Arts, a Bessie Award, the Phoenix Award, and the Handel Medallion. She was also listed in "The TIME 100: The World's Most Influential People" and honored by First Lady Michelle Obama at the first White House Dance Series event. In 2015, she became the 50th inductee into the Hall of Fame at the National Museum of Dance. In 2016, she received the Douglas Watt Lifetime Achievement Award from the Fred and Adele Astaire Awards. As a highly regarded choreographer, Ms. Jamison has created many celebrated works, including *Divining* (1984), *Forgotten Time* (1989), *Hymn* (1993), *HERE... NOW.* (commissioned for the 2002 Cultural Olympiad), *Love Stories* (with additional choreography by Robert Battle and Rennie Harris, 2004), and *Among Us (Private Spaces: Public Places)* (2009). Ms. Jamison's autobiography, *Dancing Spirit*, was edited by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and published in 1993. In 2004, under Ms. Jamison's artistic directorship, her idea of a permanent home for the Ailey company was realized and named after beloved chairman emerita Joan Weill. Ms. Jamison continues to dedicate herself to asserting the prominence of the arts in our culture, and she remains committed to promoting the significance of the Ailey legacy—using dance as a medium for honoring the past, celebrating the present, and fearlessly reaching into the future.

**RONNI FAVORS**  
**REHEARSAL DIRECTOR**

Ronni Favors began dancing as a child in Iowa City, Iowa. After studying at the National Music Camp in Interlochen, Michigan, as recipient of the Camp Scholarship, she continued her training at The Ailey School as a Fellowship student. Ms. Favors was a member of Ailey II, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company, and has received the Min-On Art Award. Ms. Favors was the ballet instructor at the 1989 inaugural session of AileyCamp in Kansas City and served as Artistic Director of the Camp. She is the Founding Director of Children's Aid AileyCamp New York and provided guidance in the national implementation of the AileyCamp program. In 1997, Ms. Favors was named Assistant Rehearsal Director of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and was its Rehearsal Director from 1999 to 2010. She worked with local dance students who performed in Alvin Ailey's *Memoria* in Johannesburg, South Africa, as well as in Seattle, Copenhagen, Los Angeles, Chicago, Kansas City, New York, and most recently, Edinburgh, Scotland. She set Alvin Ailey's *Night Creature* on TU Dance and Oregon Ballet Theatre. Ms. Favors rejoined the Company as Rehearsal Director in 2019.

**CLIFTON BROWN**  
**ASSISTANT REHEARSAL DIRECTOR**

Clifton Brown, from Goodyear, Arizona, began his dance training at Take 5 Dance Academy and continued in the first class of the Ailey/Fordham BFA in Dance program. Mr. Brown began his professional career when he joined the Ailey company in 1999 and served as choreographic assistant to Judith Jamison. He has also danced with Earl Mosley's Diversity of Dance, Lar Lubovitch Dance Company, and was a founding member and rehearsal director for Jessica Lang Dance. He was nominated in the U.K. for a Critics Circle National Dance Award for Best Male Dancer and received a Black Theater Arts Award as well as a New York Dance and Performance ("Bessie") Award. As a guest artist Mr. Brown has performed with Miami City Ballet, Rome Opera Ballet, Nevada Ballet, and Parsons Dance. He has set the work of Alvin Ailey, Earl Mosley, and Jessica Lang on various companies around the world. Television appearances as a guest artist include *So You Think You Can Dance* and *Dancing With The Stars*. He has had the privilege of performing at the White House for President Obama. Mr. Brown became Assistant Rehearsal Director in 2019.

**KANJI SEGAWA**  
**ASSISTANT REHEARSAL DIRECTOR**

Kanji Segawa, from Kanagawa, Japan, began his dance training with his mother Erika Akoh, studying ballet with Kan Horiuchi and Ju Horiuchi in Tokyo. In 1997 Mr. Segawa came to the U.S. under the Japanese Government Artist Fellowship to train at The Ailey School. He was a member of Ailey II from 2000 to 2002 and Battleworks from 2002 to 2010. Mr. Segawa worked extensively with Mark Morris from 2004 to 2011, appearing with Mark Morris Dance Group and as a principal dancer in John Adams' *Nixon in China* at The Metropolitan Opera. He is a master teacher and choreographs for companies and educational institutions. His work *Future* premiered during Ailey's 2021 Virtual Spirit Gala. Since 1999 Mr. Segawa has been Creative Associate for Jessica Lang, assisting her creations for companies including American Ballet Theatre, Pacific Northwest Ballet, The Washington Ballet, and The National Ballet of Japan. Mr. Segawa danced with the Company from 2011 to 2023.

**BENNETT RINK**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Bennett Rink became Executive Director in 2013. Mr. Rink first joined Ailey as Manager of Special Events in 1994, became Development Director in 1998, and then worked as Senior Director of Development and External Affairs from 2007 to 2012. In his tenure overseeing Ailey's development and fundraising efforts, Mr. Rink led a \$75 million capital campaign supporting Ailey's first permanent home, The Joan Weill Center for Dance, which opened in 2005 and attracts more than 200,000 visitors each year. When the Company celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2008, Mr. Rink supervised an 18-month celebration, including events, promotions, collaborations, and special performances, bringing public awareness of the Ailey organization to new heights. Mr. Rink also oversaw The Next Step Campaign, which grew the organization's endowment to \$50 million. During his tenure as Executive Director, the Company has deepened its presence in New York City by establishing an annual spring season to complement its New York City Center winter season, while also extending its role as America's "Cultural Ambassador to the World" with tours to Africa, Europe, and South America. In order to reach audiences beyond live performances, the Company has broadened its commitment to creating film and digital content, including *Ailey All Access*, an online streaming series featuring full-length works from the repertory, Ailey Extension classes, and other specially created content. Mr. Rink has extended the reach and impact of Ailey's educational offerings as well, including the creation of new curricula and programs that reach across generations, from elementary school children to senior citizens. To meet the growing demand for its educational offerings, Ailey unveiled the Elaine Wynn and Family Education Wing in 2017, providing much-needed additional studios and classroom space. The building now comprises 87,000 square feet and is the largest destination for dance in New York City. Mr. Rink is a graduate of Syracuse University and holds a BFA in theater.

**WHO'S WHO IN THE COMPANY**

**JEROBOAM BOZEMAN (Brooklyn, NY)** began his training under Ruth Sistaire at the Ronald Edmonds Learning Center. He was granted full scholarships at the Joffrey Ballet School and Dance Theatre of Harlem. Mr. Bozeman is a gold-medalist of the NAACP ACT-SO Competition in Dance. He performed in the Broadway musical *Aida* (international tour in China), and with PHILADANCO!, Donald Byrd's Spectrum Dance Theater, and Ailey II. Mr. Bozeman was a guest artist with The Royal Ballet and was nominated as one of "25 to Watch" by *Dance Magazine* in 2018. He was featured in Bud Light's NFL 100th commercial and Pyer Moss's 2021 "Wat U Iz," fashion show. Mr. Bozeman was a special performer in Disney's live action *The Little Mermaid*. He stars in the independent film *Once Again (for the very first time)* by Director Boaz Yakin. He has appeared in *Vanity Fair*, *Neiman Marcus*, *Double Magazine*, *Seattle Met*, and *The New York Times*. Mr. Bozeman joined the Company in 2013.

**KHALIA CAMPBELL (Bronx, NY)** is a graduate of Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts. She began her formal dance training at Uptown Dance Academy. Ms. Campbell also studied at Dance Theatre of Harlem and as a scholarship student at The Ailey School. In 2012 she performed in Elton John and Tim Rice's Broadway musical *Aida* (international tour in Taiwan). She has performed with Kymera Dance, Dance Iquail, and in the 40th anniversary of *The Wiz* at SummerStage. Ms. Campbell also danced as a guest artist with Richard Siegal's Ballet of Difference in Munich, Germany. She was recognized in *Dance Magazine's* "25 to Watch" in 2020 and is a 2021 dance fellowship recipient from the Princess Grace Foundation-USA. Ms. Campbell

was also featured in a segment of Katie Couric's *Thank You Notes* alongside Judith Jamison. She was a member of Ailey II and joined the Company in 2018.

**PATRICK COKER (Chester, VA)** was awarded the American Ballet Theatre's National Trainee Scholarship from 2008 to 2010. In May 2014, Coker graduated from the Ailey/Fordham BFA Program in Dance, where he apprenticed with Ailey II in his final year. After graduation, he spent a year dancing for Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet, and then went on to join Jessica Lang Dance for three seasons. He has also performed with The Mark Morris Dance Group in *The Hard Nut* and *L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato*, Earl Mosley's Diversity of Dance, HopeBoykinDance and LA-based BODYTRAFFIC. Mr. Coker joined the Company in 2019. Instagram: @pcoke

**SHAWN CUSSEAU (St. Petersburg, FL)** began his training at the Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Gibbs High School where he trained in ballet, modern, and jazz. In 2020, Shawn received his BFA in Modern Dance at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, PA under the direction of Garfield Lemonius. After graduation he joined BalletX, Philadelphia's premier contemporary ballet company, where he spent three seasons. During that time, he had the privilege of dancing at the Vail International Dance Festival and Ballet Sun Valley. Shawn has performed work by Jae Man Joo, José Limón, Edwaard Liang, Camille A. Brown, Matthew Nenan, Jamar Roberts, Dwight Rhoden, Hope Boykin, Amy Hall Garner, Jennifer Archibald, and Nicolo Fonte. Mr. Cusseau joined the Company in 2023.

**SARAH DALEY-PERDOMO (South Elgin, IL)** began her training at the Faubourg School of Ballet in Illinois under the direction of Watmora Casey and Tatyana Mazur. She is a 2009 graduate of the Ailey/Fordham BFA Program in Dance and trained at institutions such as the Kirov Academy, National Ballet School of Canada, The San Francisco Conservatory of Dance, and intensives at Ballet Camp Illinois and Ballet Adriatico in Italy. Mrs. Daley-Perdomo was honored to be highlighted in *Dance Magazine's* "On the Rise" feature in 2014, and to perform in Wayne McGregor's *Chroma* for the filming of *Lincoln Center at the Movies: Great American Dance*. She is a recipient of a Youth America Grand Prix Award and an ARTS Foundation Award. She was a member of Ailey II and joined the Company in 2011.

**CAROLINE T. DARTEY (Geneva, Switzerland)** trained in rhythmic gymnastics in her hometown at the age of five, eventually rising to national and international levels and becoming the Swiss champion in her category from 2009 to 2011. She later began dancing at the Conservatoire Populaire de Musique, Danse et Théâtre of Geneva. Ms. Dartey also trained at The Ailey School as a scholarship student and performed in Alvin Ailey's *Memoria* during Ailey's 2017 New York City Center season. She was a member of Ailey II from 2018 to 2020 and has performed works choreographed by Darrell Grand Moultrie, Uri Sands, Bradley Shelver, Troy Powell, Robert Battle, Amy Hall Garner, Kirven Douthit-Boyd, Andrea Miller, Alia Kache, and Yannick Lebrun. Ms. Dartey joined the Company in 2021. Instagram: @caroline\_dartey

**ISIAH DAY (Chicago, IL)** began his dance training in Yielded Vessel Dance Ministry at New Life Covenant Southeast. He also studied at Hubbard Street Youth Dance Center and The Chicago Academy for the Arts. He is currently a fourth-year student at The Juilliard School, under the direction of Alicia Graf Mack, and will graduate in 2024. Mr. Day has performed works by Jamar Roberts, Tiler Peck, Justin Peck, Jawole Willa Jo Zollar, Rena Butler, and Ohad Naharin while at The Juilliard School. In 2019, he was named a YoungArts winner in Modern/Contemporary dance. Mr. Day joined the Company in 2023.

**CORAL DOLPHIN (Los Angeles, CA)** studied modern, West African, Flamenco, ballet, hip hop, tap, aerial silk, salsa, and acting under the mentorship of Debbie Allen. Ms. Dolphin began her professional career in NY as a founding member of Ballet Hispanico Dos. She later spent four years with Ronald K. Brown/EVIDENCE. She has worked with artists Madonna, Janet Jackson, Beyonce, Cardi B, and more. In 2019, she performed the Dream Ballet solo in the Broadway musical *Oklahoma!* She has choreographed for Miguel, Lauren Jauregui, Kali Uchis, and Lenny Kravitz, and for international brands such as Citibank and i-D. In 2020, Ms. Dolphin made her directorial debut with a short film in collaboration with acclaimed composer Raven Bush. She seeks to amplify universal truths, in hopes that her art ignites the remembrance of the internal freedom of greater consciousness that awaits us all. But first, LOVE. Ms. Dolphin joined the Company in 2023.

**SOLOMON DUMAS (Chicago, IL)** (he, him, his) was introduced to dance through AileyCamp. He later began his formal training at The Chicago Academy for the Arts and the Russell Talbert Dance Studio, where he received his



most influential training. Mr. Dumas studied at New World School of the Arts and was a fellowship Level 1 student at The Ailey School. He has performed with companies including Garth Fagan Dance; Ronald K. Brown/EVIDENCE, A Dance Company; and Labyrinth Dance Theater and was a member of Ailey II. Mr. Dumas joined the Company in 2016.

**SAMANTHA FIGGINS (Washington, D.C.)** began dancing at Duke Ellington School of the Arts under the tutelage of Charles Auggins and Sandra Fortune-Greene and attended summer intensives at Dance Theatre of Harlem under the direction of Arthur Mitchell. She continued her education at SUNY Purchase Conservatory of Dance. There, she performed works by George Balanchine, Bill T. Jones, Paul Taylor, and Twyla Tharp. Upon graduating cum laude, Ms. Figgins became a member of Complexions Contemporary Ballet, performing works by Dwight Rhoden, Jae Man Joo, and Camille A. Brown. She also performed at the 2014 DanceOpen Festival in St. Petersburg, Russia. Ms. Figgins was featured both on the cover of *Dance Spirit* magazine and in *Pointe* magazine's "10 Careers to Watch" in 2013. She has worked with Beyoncé and can be seen in the film *Enemy Within* alongside Tiler Peck and Matthew Rushing. Ms. Figgins joined the Company in 2014.

**JAMES GILMER (Pittsburgh, PA)** trained at Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School and the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School. After graduating, he performed with Texture Contemporary Ballet and joined Cincinnati Ballet in 2011. While dancing with the Cincinnati Ballet for six seasons, Mr. Gilmer was promoted to Soloist in 2015 and performed works by Victoria Morgan, Amy Seiwert, Septime Webre, Ohad Naharin, Val Caniparoli, Annabelle Lopez Ochoa, Edwaard Liang, Jennifer Archibald, and George Balanchine, to name a few. Mr. Gilmer was also a member of Amy Seiwert's Imagery, performing during the summer seasons since 2013, and ODC/dance, performing works by Brenda Way, KT Nelson, and Kate Weare. Gilmer's more recently performed in New York City Center's celebrations of Twyla Tharp in 2021 and 2022 as well as Fall for Dance, featured in choreography by Jamar Roberts. Mr. Gilmer joined the Company in 2019. Instagram: @james.agilmer

**VERNARD J. GILMORE (Chicago, IL)** began his training at Curie Performing and Creative Arts High School in Chicago under Diane Holda. He later studied at the Joseph Holmes Chicago Dance Theater with Harriet Ross, Marquita Levy, and Emily Stein. He received first place in the all-city NAACP ACT-SO competition in 1993. He attended Barat College under scholarship and tutelage of Rory Foster and Eileen Cropley. He then studied as a scholarship student at The Ailey School and was a member of Ailey II. In 2010, he performed as part of the White House Dance Series. Mr. Gilmore is a choreographer whose work has been a part of the Ailey Dancers Resource Fund, Fire Island Dance Festival 2008, and Jazz Foundation of America Gala 2010, and he produced the Dance of Light project in 2010 and 2015. An excerpt of Mr. Gilmore's work *La Mulette* was performed in 2017 as part of the "Celebrating the Men of Ailey" program at New York City Center. Nimbus Dance Works performed a new work by Mr. Gilmore in 2018. Mr. Gilmore is a certified Zena Rommett Floor-Barre instructor. He teaches workshops and master classes around the world. Mr. Gilmore joined the Company in 1997.

**ASHLEY KAYLYNN GREEN (Charleston, SC)** began her training at Columbia City Jazz where she found her love for dance. She trained in a variety of styles including ballet, modern, jazz, tap, and hip hop. In 2020, Ms. Green received her BFA in Dance from Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, under the direction of Garfield Lemonius. There, she performed works by Peter Chu, Aszure Barton, Kyle Abraham, and Darrell Grand Moultrie. After graduation she joined Whim W'Him Seattle Contemporary Dance where she received a Princess Grace Award in Dance. Ms. Green joined the Company in 2021 and that year was named one of "25 to Watch" by *Dance Magazine*.

**JACQUELIN HARRIS (Charlotte, NC)** began her dance training at Dance Productions Studios under the direction of Lori Long. Ms. Harris received a silver ARTS award from the National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts and was a Presidential Scholar in the Arts semifinalist. She graduated with honors from the Ailey/Fordham BFA Program in Dance. In 2016 Ms. Harris was named one of "25 to Watch" by *Dance Magazine*. She received a 2017 dance fellowship from the Princess Grace Foundation-USA. In 2019 she was one of 75 dancers across the world to perform in Merce Cunningham's *Night of 100 Solos: A Centennial Event*, which won a New York Dance and Performance ("Bessie") Award. In 2021 Ms. Harris worked with Twyla Tharp in her production of *Twyla Now* alongside artists of New York City Ballet and American Ballet Theatre. She was a member of Ailey II and joined the Company in 2014.

**MICHAEL JACKSON, JR. (New Orleans, LA)** began his dance training at age 14 at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, D.C., under the direction of Charles Augins. He became a member of Dance Theatre of Harlem Dancing through Barriers Ensemble in 2005. In 2006 he joined Dallas Black Dance Theatre, and in 2008 joined PHILADANCO!, where he also worked as artistic director of D3. Mr. Jackson joined the Company in 2011 and rejoined in 2015.

**YAZZMEEN LAIDLER (Miami, FL)** graduated from New World School of the Arts. She trained at Traci Young-Bryon's Young Contemporary Dance Theatre and The Ailey School summer intensive. Ms. Laidler received her BFA from The University of the Arts and was a company member of Eleone Dance Theatre. Ms. Laidler is the 2016 award-winning Pennsylvania Choreographer, setting work for Pennsylvania Ballet II. She has performed works by Dwight Rhoden, Camille A. Brown, Rennie Harris, and Azure Barton, among others. She has performed as a guest artist with Owen/Cox Dance and is a former member of Ailey II. She is the founder of Time Revealed Dance Intensive in Miami, FL, which brings highly acclaimed artists to aid in the cultivation of community for aspiring dancers. Ms. Laidler joined the Company in 2018. Instagram: @yazzmeen.laidlerin

**YANNICK LEBRUN (Cayenne, French Guiana)** began training in his native country at the Adaclam School under the guidance of Jeanine Verin. After graduating high school in 2004, he moved to New York City to study at The Ailey School as a scholarship student. Mr. Lebrun was named one of *Dance Magazine's* "25 to Watch" in 2011, and in 2013 *France-Amérique* magazine highlighted him as one of the 50 most talented French people in the United States. In November 2016 Mr. Lebrun was a guest performer with The Royal Ballet in Wayne McGregor's *Chroma*. In 2019 he choreographed *Saa Magni*, his first work for Ailey II, and in 2021 he created *Lora* for ABT Studio Company. Mr. Lebrun was a member of Ailey II and joined the Company in 2008. Instagram: @yannicklebrun

**XAVIER MACK (Washington, D.C.)** began his dance training at Divine Dance Institute in Capitol Heights, Maryland. He received his BA in Modern Language & Linguistics from the University of Maryland-Baltimore County (UMBC). In 2017, Mr. Mack joined Dallas Black Dance Theatre where he performed works by Hope Boykin, Norbert De La Cruz III, Dianne McIntyre, and Matthew Rushing. Mr. Mack joined the Company in 2022.

**RENALDO MAURICE (Gary, IN)** began his training with Tony Washington and graduated from Talent Unlimited High School. He attended Emerson School for Visual and Performing Arts, studying with Larry Brewer. Mr. Maurice was a scholarship student at The Ailey School, Ballet Chicago, Deeply Rooted Dance Theater, and Martha Graham School of Contemporary Dance. He received second place in modern dance from the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts and received the Dizzy Feet Foundation Scholarship. In 2012 he was honored with the key to the city of his hometown. Mr. Maurice has choreographed and performed with Grammy nominated artist Jazzmeia Horn. He is the 2022 Willie Ninja Supreme Award recipient and star of HBO Max's *Legendary*. He has also incorporated his passion for the arts with social responsibility as the co-artistic director of Indiana's South Shore Dance Alliance. He was a member of Ailey II and joined the Company in 2011. Facebook: @Maurice Gardner. Instagram: @mauricerenaldo

**ASHLEY MAYEUX (Houston, TX)** began her dance training at the High School for Performing and Visual Arts and graduated cum laude with a BFA from SUNY Purchase. Ms. Mayeux continued her studies at the Dance Theatre of Harlem and went on to perform in the tour of the Broadway musical *Aida*. She has been featured in publications including *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Pointe*, and *Dance Magazine*. Ms. Mayeux was a member of Complexions Contemporary Ballet from 2012 to 2016, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater from 2016 to 2018, and Alonzo King LINES Ballet from 2018 to 2021. She rejoined the Ailey company in 2021. Instagram: @miss\_ashleynicolemayeux

**CORRIN RACHELLE MITCHELL (Baltimore, MD)** began her dance training in her hometown at LeRe's Performing Arts Center, owned by her mother and father. She attended Baltimore School for the Arts where she trained with Norma Pera and Linda-Denise Fisher-Harrell. Ms. Mitchell graduated in 2017 with a BFA in Dance from Point Park University where she worked with choreographers Troy Powell, Garfield Lemonius, and Debbie Allen. After completing one year of apprenticeship, Ms. Mitchell joined Ailey II in 2017 where she performed works choreographed by Uri Sands, Bradley Shelver, Troy Powell, Robert Battle, Darrell Grand Moultrie, and Amy Hall Garner. Ms. Mitchell joined the Company in 2019. Instagram: @\_slimrin\_

**CHALVAR MONTEIRO (Montclair, NJ)** began training at Sharron Miller's Academy for the Performing Arts and studied at The Ailey School before receiving his BFA in Dance from SUNY Purchase. Mr. Monteiro has worked with Sidra Bell Dance New York, Elisa Monte Dance, Keigwin+Company, BODYTRAFFIC, and A.I.M by Kyle Abraham. He assisted Kyle Abraham in setting and creating work for Barnard College, Princeton University, Emory University, NYU Tisch School of the Arts, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and New York City Ballet. In 2019 Mr. Monteiro was selected to participate in Merce Cunningham Trust's *Night of 100 Solos: A Centennial Event*. His choreography has been presented as part of Ailey's 2021 Virtual Spirit Gala, as well as at other festivals and institutions across the U.S. Mr. Monteiro has been featured in *Vogue Beauty*, *Document Journal* for Moncler, and fashion campaigns for Uniqlo and Lululemon. He was a member of Ailey II and joined the Company in 2015. Instagram: @chlvrmntro

**ALISHA RENA PEEK (Upper Marlboro, MD)**, a graduate of the Ailey/Fordham BFA Program in Dance and former member of Ailey II, began her formal dance training at the Washington School of Ballet. Ms. Peek attended Kirov Ballet Academy, participated in the Dance Theatre of Harlem Kennedy Center Residency, and studied at The Art of Technique. Professionally, Ms. Peek has had the opportunity to work with influential choreographers such as Robert Battle, Hope Boykin, Andrea Miller, Darrell Grand Moultrie, Kirven Douthit-Boyd, Juel D. Lane, and others. She has taught at The Ailey School and various studios in the Maryland/Virginia area. Recently, she served as an assistant to Milton Myers and personal assistant to Hope Boykin. She participated in the HopeBoykinDance Bubble Residency and performed in *An Evening of Hope* and *Moments by Hope*. Ms. Peek has appeared in the FX hit series *POSE* and choreographed a short film produced by Beats by Dre.

**JESSICA AMBER PINKETT (Baltimore, MD)** began her dance training at Baltimore Dance Tech under the direction of Stephanie Powell. She graduated from George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology and earned a BFA in dance performance and choreography with honors from Towson University. She has had the privilege of performing works by Alvin Ailey, Judith Jamison, Tally Beatty, Camille A. Brown, Linda-Denise Fisher-Harrell, Robert Battle, and others. She has performed as a guest artist with The Black Iris Project and was a member of Ailey II before joining Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in 2018. Ms. Pinkett made her New York choreographic debut and performed alongside Madison McFerrin in *OPEN AIR*. In 2023, she led the world premiere of HopeBoykinDance's *States Of Hope* at the Joyce Theater. She continues exploring the depths of her artistry as a freelancer, teacher, choreographer, and filmmaker.

**MIRANDA QUINN (Baltimore, MD)** trained in various genres of dance from the ages of 2 to 18 at Mid-Atlantic Center for the Performing Arts under the artistic direction of Shannon Torres. Ms. Quinn graduated from The Juilliard School in 2019 under the newly appointed direction of Alicia Graf Mack. Her attendance at the school was made possible by the Jerome L. Greene Fellowship. She is an alum of the Springboard Danse Montréal, Arts Umbrella, and Hubbard Street Dance Chicago summer intensives. She joined the Company in 2019. Ms. Quinn is beyond thrilled and honored to be a part of the Ailey family and legacy. Instagram: @mirandaming4

**HANNAH ALISSA RICHARDSON (Toronto, Ontario Canada)** graduated with honors from The Ailey School Certificate Program. Ms. Richardson has performed works by choreographers including Ray Mercer, Bradley Shelver, Kirven Douthit-Boyd, Earl Mosley, William Forsythe, and Robert Battle. She has been a featured dancer in festivals including Jacob's Pillow and the Holland Dance Festival, and had the honor of performing the world premiere of *Grace and Mercy* choreographed by Ronald K. Brown at Bard's SummerScape festival. Some of her film and television credits include Orion Pictures' *Every Day* and Disney Channel's *Backstage*. Ms. Richardson was a proud member of Ailey II for one season before joining the Company in 2022. She is also a guest artist with Ronald K. Brown/EVIDENCE, A Dance Company. Ms. Richardson is thrilled to be part of Ailey and is grateful for all those who've continued to support her along her journey. Instagram: @hannahxrichardson

**DEIDRE ROGAN (Fort Myers, FL)** began her dance training in Fort Myers, Florida under Melinda Roy, Roberto Munoz, and Cheryl Copeland. Deidre graduated with honors from the Ailey/Fordham BFA Program in Dance in 2015. She is a YoungArts scholarship winner, performed as a United States Arts Ambassador for President Barack Obama during the Opening Ceremony of the Hannover Messe, and was the Associate Choreographer under Choreographer Hope Boykin for the City Center Encores Off-Center production of *Promenade* in 2019. Deidre danced with Ailey II from 2014 to 2016 and with Parsons Dance from 2016 to 2022. This is her second season with the Company. Instagram: @deidre\_rogan

**CONSTANCE STAMATIOU (Charlotte, NC)** began her dance training at Pat Hall's Dance Unlimited and North Carolina Dance Theatre under the direction of Salvatore Aiello. She graduated from Northwest School of the Arts and studied at SUNY Purchase and as a Fellowship student at The Ailey School. In 2009 Ms. Stamatiou received the Leonore Annenberg Fellowship in the performing and visual arts. She has performed at the White House Dance Series, in a TED Talk with Judith Jamison, and as a guest performer on *So You Think You Can Dance*, *Dancing with the Stars*, Logo's *Trailblazer Honors*, *Good Morning America* and *The Today Show*. Ms. Stamatiou has danced in the films *Shake Rattle & Roll* and Dan Pritzker's *Bolden* and the commercial *I Love NY*. She is a mother of two. Ms. Stamatiou was a member of Ailey II, joined the Company in 2007, and rejoined in 2016. Instagram: @constance.stamatiou

**CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR (Newark, NJ)** is a graduate of Arts High School. He began his dance training at age 11 in AileyCamp Newark's summer program and The Ailey School Junior Division, and later studied as a scholarship student in The Ailey School Professional Division. Mr. Taylor was a member of Ailey II for two seasons and has performed at the Apollo Theater, Lincoln Center, and in Ailey's New York City Center galas. He joined the Company in 2022.

**JERMAINE TERRY (Washington, D.C.)** began dancing at James Dance Center in Kissimmee, Florida. He graduated cum laude with a BFA from the University of South Florida, where he received scholarships for excellence in performance and choreography, and the Distinguished Alumnus Award for outstanding service to the arts. Mr. Terry has performed with Ailey II, Buglisi Dance Theatre, Arch Dance, Dance Iquail, PHILADANCO!, and as a guest artist on the TV show *So You Think You Can Dance*. He has designed costumes for New York City Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, Miami City Ballet, and PHILADANCO! among others, and was nominated for a NY Emmy for his collaboration with The Black Iris Project, *WILD: Bird of Paradise*. His evening wear designs have appeared online in *Vogue* and *Essence* and have been photographed by the late Bill Cunningham for the style section of *The New York Times*. Mr. Terry joined the Company in 2010. Instagram: @jerms83

**DE'ANTHONY VAUGHAN (Kansas City, MO)** was introduced to dance at the age of three by his grandmother. He received his training from AileyCamp, Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey, and Kansas City Ballet School. He continued his training in New York City at The Ailey School as a scholarship student. In 2014 Mr. Vaughan joined Dallas Black Dance Theatre and has performed works by Matthew Rushing, Darrell Grand Moultrie, Kirven Douthit-Boyd, Alvin Ailey, Elisa Monte, Donald McKayle, and many more. This is Mr. Vaughan's first season with the Company. Instagram: @leedeevaughan

**ISABEL WALLACE-GREEN (Houston, TX)** began her dance training at Houston Ballet Academy. She graduated summa cum laude from the Ailey/Fordham BFA Program with a dual degree in Dance and African/African American Studies. Ms. Wallace-Green performed with New Chamber Ballet, Urban Souls Dance Company, and was an ensemble member of *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular*. She joined DBDT: Encore! before becoming a company member with Dallas Black Dance Theatre. While there, she performed works by Hope Boykin, Darrell Grand Moultrie, Rennie Harris, Elisa Monte, and Matthew Rushing. In 2021, Ms. Wallace-Green partnered with University of Houston and Texas Southern University art museums to premiere her first solo show titled *Resilience*. She joined the Company in 2023.

**CHRISTOPHER R. WILSON (Augusta, GA)** is a graduate of John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School and graduated cum laude from the Ailey/Fordham BFA Program in Dance. He trained at Colton Ballet School, Alonzo King LINES Ballet, and The School at Jacob's Pillow. He began his professional career with BHdos, the second company of Ballet Hispánico, and has performed for Queen Sofía of Spain and Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands. He has had the privilege of performing on the main stage of the 2017 Essence Festival in New Orleans. Mr. Wilson has performed works by choreographers Judith Jamison, Matthew Rushing, Wayne McGregor, Camille A. Brown, Kyle Abraham, and Emily Molnar, among others. He has been a guest artist with The Black Iris Project and for the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival. Mr. Wilson was a member of Ailey II and joined the Company in 2018. christopherrwilson.com. Instagram: @christopher.r.wilson

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