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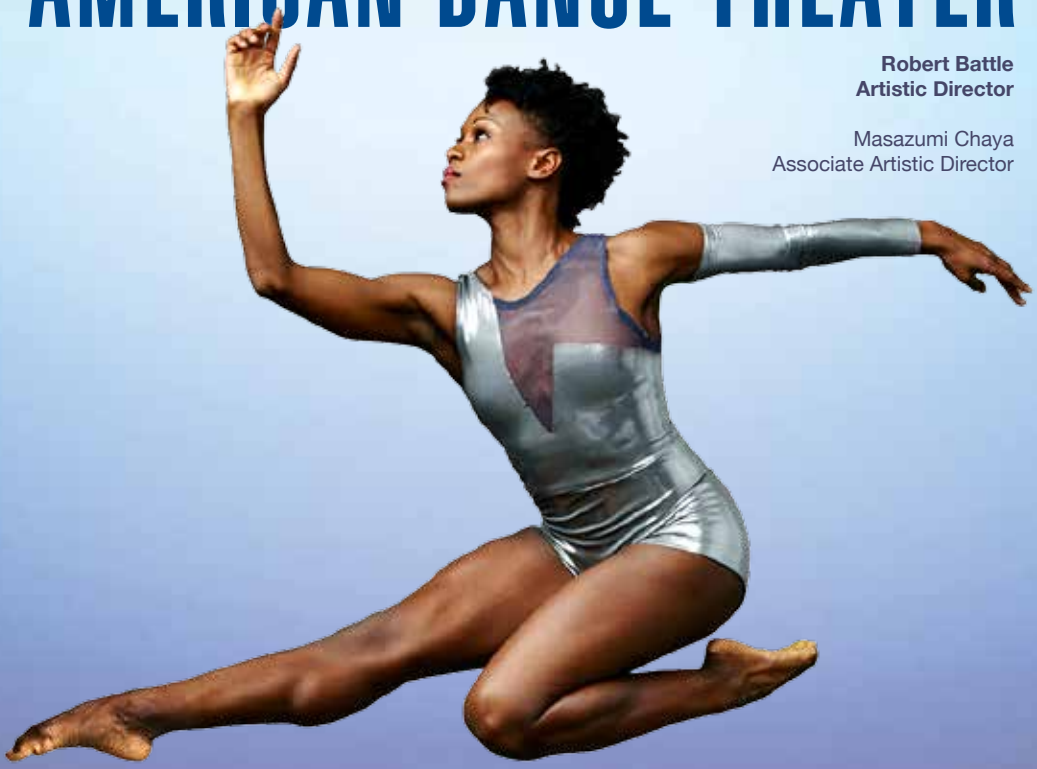
Associate Artistic Director



CULTURAL AMBASSADOR TO THE WORLD

Dec 2 - Jan 3

NEW YORK CITY CENTER

WORLD PREMIERES

Awakening
Robert Battle
Music: John Mackey
Dec 4, 5 eve, 12 mat, 17, 19 eve,
22, 24, 26 eve, Jan 2 eve

Exodus
Rennie Harris
Music: Raphael Xavier
Dec 3, 6 eve, 9, 12 eve, 22, 23 eve,
26 mat, 27 eve, Jan 3 mat

Open Door
Ronald K. Brown
Music recorded by Arturo O'Farrill
& the Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra
Dec 2, 5 mat, 13 eve, 17, 19 eve,
22, 23 mat, 26 eve, Jan 2 eve

Untitled America: First Movement
Kyle Abraham
Music: Laura Mvula
Dec 9, 12 mat, 17, 19 eve, 22, 26 eve,
Jan 2 eve

COMPANY PREMIERES

No Longer Silent
Robert Battle
Music: Erwin Schulhoff
Dec 9, 12 eve, 15, 20 mat, 29, Jan 2 mat

Piazzolla Caldera
Paul Taylor
Music recorded by Astor Piazzolla
Dec 11, 13 eve, 17, 19 eve, 26 eve, Jan 2 eve

NEW PRODUCTIONS

Blues Suite
Alvin Ailey
Music: Traditional Blues
Dec 16, 19 mat, 20 eve, 31

A Case of You
Judith Jamison
Music: Joni Mitchell (sung by
Diana Krall)
Dec 15, 20 mat, 29, 31, Jan 3 mat

Cry
Alvin Ailey
Music: Alice Coltrane, Laura Nyro,
Chuck Griffin
Dec 8, 13 mat, 16, 19 mat,
20 eve, 30 mat, 31

Love Songs
Alvin Ailey
Music recorded by Donny
Hathaway and Nina Simone
Dec 8, 13 mat, 20 eve

Toccata
Talley Beatty
Music: Lalo Schiffrin
Dec 4, 5 eve, 6 mat, 10, 30 mat,
Jan 3 mat

RETURNING FAVORITES

After the Rain Pas de Deux
Christopher Wheeldon
Music: Arvo Pärt
Dec 4, 6 mat, 10, 13 eve,
26 mat, 27 mat, 30 eve

Bad Blood
Ulysses Dove
Music: Laurie Anderson
Dec 6 eve, 13 eve, 18, 30 eve

Caught
David Parsons
Music: Robert Fripp
Dec 2, 5 eve, 18, 23 eve

Four Corners
Ronald K. Brown
Music: Carl Hancock Rux,
Rahsaan Roland Kirk, Yacoub
Dec 23 eve, 26 mat, 30 eve

Grace
Ronald K. Brown
Music: Duke Ellington, Roy Davis, Jr.,
Paul Johnson, Fela Kuti
Dec 11, 12 eve, 24, 27 mat,
Jan 2 mat, 3 mat

LIFT
Aszure Barton
Music: Curtis Macdonald
Dec 5 mat, 6 mat, 18, 27 eve

Memoria
Alvin Ailey
Music: Keith Jarrett
Dec 8, 11, 13 mat

Night Creature
Alvin Ailey
Music: Duke Ellington
Dec 15, 16, 19 mat, 20 mat, 29

ODETTA
Matthew Rushing
Music: Odetta Holmes
Dec 3, 6 eve, 23 eve, 30 eve

Polish Pieces
Hans van Manen
Music: Henryk Górecki
Dec 9, 12 mat, 23 mat, 27 mat

Revelations
Alvin Ailey
Music: Traditional Spirituals
Dec 2, 3, 4, 5 mat & eve, 6 mat,
8, 10, 12 mat, 13 mat, 15, 16,
18, 19 mat, 20 mat & eve,
23 mat, 24, 26 mat, 27 mat, 29,
30 mat, 31, Jan 2 mat, 3 eve

Uprising
Hofesh Shechter
Music: Hofesh Shechter, Vex'd
Dec 10, 27 eve, 30 mat

One world.

Alvin Ailey often said he wanted to hold a mirror up to society, and explore our common humanity through dance. He did that memorably through his *Blues Suite, Cry* and *Love Songs* (which return to the repertory this year) and, of course, *Revelations*.

He also invited in other choreographers who not only entertain but reflect back what's happening in our culture. This season's world premieres by Kyle Abraham, Robert Battle, Ronald K. Brown, and Rennie Harris all follow in that tradition, using dance as a means to explore real-life issues and experiences through dances that touch the spirit. The season is also notable for the Company premieres of Paul Taylor's *Piazzola Caldera* and Mr. Battle's *No Longer Silent*, as well as new productions of Talley Beatty's *Toccata* and Judith Jamison's *A Case of You*.

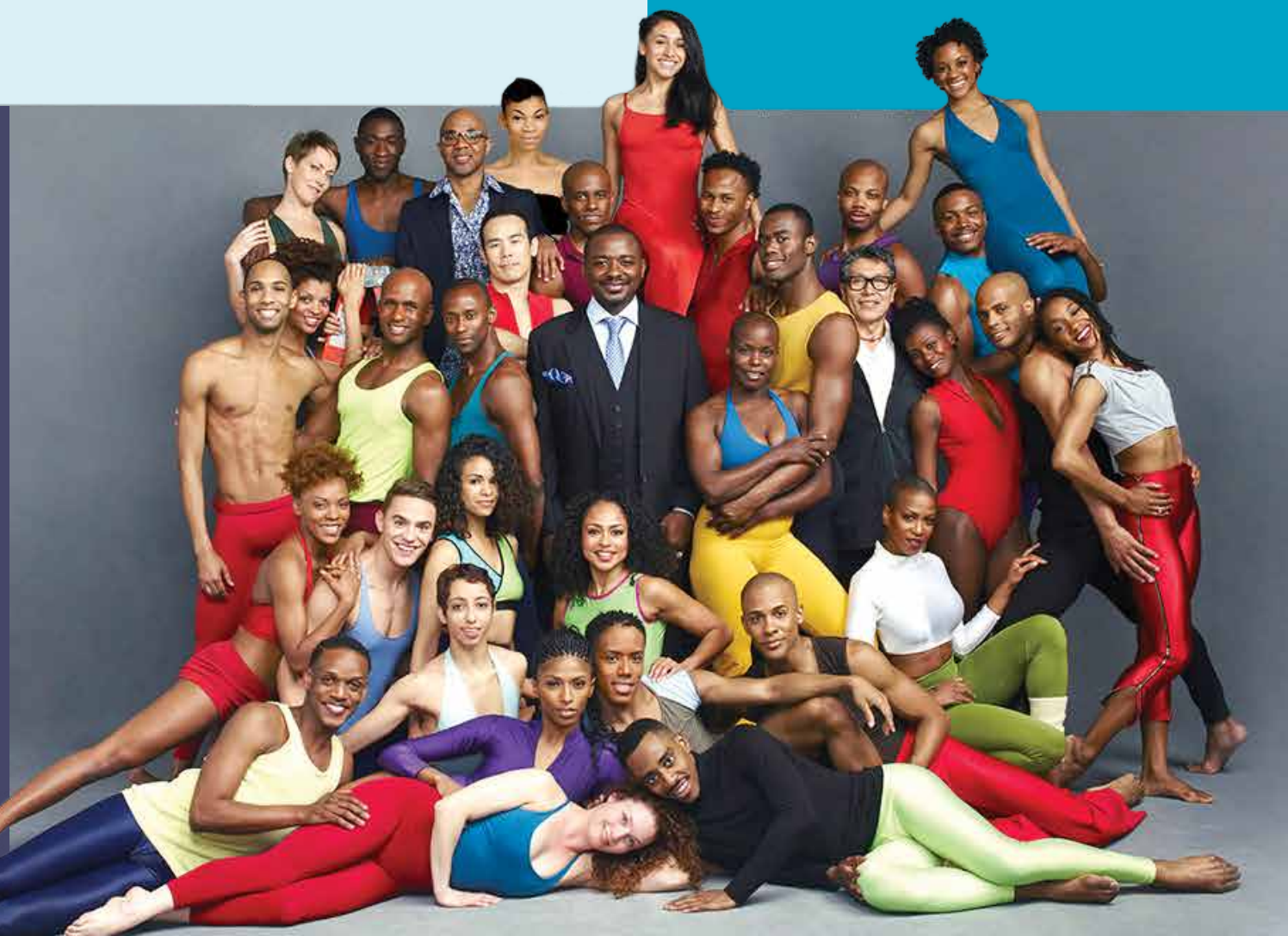
There are some things that cannot be expressed in words, and that is why we dance. Feel it for yourself this December at NY City Center.

The Company

Robert Battle, Artistic Director
Masazumi Chaya, Associate Artistic Director

Hope Boykin
Jeroboam Bozeman
Sean Aaron Carmon
Elisa Clark
Sarah Daley
Ghrai DeVore
Samantha Figgins
Vernard J. Gilmore
Jacqueline Green
Daniel Harder
Jacquelin Harris
Collin Heyward
Demetia Hopkins-Greene
Michael Jackson, Jr.
Megan Jakel
Yannick Lebrun
Renaldo Maurice
Michael Francis McBride
Rachael McLaren
Chalvar Monteiro
Akua Noni Parker
Danica Paulos
Belen Pereyra
Jamar Roberts
Samuel Lee Roberts
Kanji Segawa
Glenn Allen Sims
Linda Celeste Sims
Jermaine Terry
Fana Tesfagiorgis
Marcus Jarrell Willis

Matthew Rushing, Rehearsal Director



Jamar Roberts and Yannick Lebrun

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New Productions

Blues Suite (Alvin Ailey): Ailey's first masterpiece launched his company in 1958 and still poignantly conjures the sorrow, humor, and humanity of the music he called "hymns to the secular regions of the soul." Performed with a live, on-stage band.

A Case of You (Judith Jamison): This duet – an excerpt from Jamison's 2005 *Reminiscin'* – is a "steamy, emotionally intense" *(The New York Times)* showstopper danced to Diana Krall's sultry rendition of the classic Joni Mitchell song.

Cry (Alvin Ailey): Ever since Judith Jamison debuted this tour-de-force in 1971, it has been an unforgettable standout in the Ailey repertory, depicting the struggle of women throughout history who overcame ruthless hardship to arise triumphant.

Love Songs (Alvin Ailey): A male counterpart to *Cry*, this lyrical solo from 1972 offers an emotional journey through love and longing, set to a suite of songs recorded by Donny Hathaway and Nina Simone.

Toccata (Talley Beatty): This high-spirited romp – a section from Beatty's longer work, *Come and Get the Beauty of It Hot* – evokes the energy of the city streets, illuminating his genius for using the jazz idiom to its fullest expressive and musical effect.

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Special Programs

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Live Music

Revelations
Dec 2, 4, 5 mat & eve

Blues Suite
Dec 16, 19 mat, 20 eve, 31

Ailey Visionaries
Choreography by the Company's past and present artistic directors: Alvin Ailey, Judith Jamison, and Robert Battle.
Dec 15, 20 mat, 29

All Ailey
Dec 8, 13 mat, 16, 19 mat, 20 eve

All New
Dec 17, 19 eve, 22, 26 eve, Jan 2 eve

New Year's Eve
Celebrate Artistic Director Emerita Judith Jamison's 50th anniversary with Ailey.
Dec 31 at 7pm

Company Premieres

No Longer Silent (Robert Battle): A long-forgotten score by Erwin Schulhoff, a Jewish composer banned in Nazi Germany, inspired this searing, large ensemble work, which shows off "a different side of Ailey" *(The New York Times).*

Piazzolla Caldera (Paul Taylor): Astor Piazzolla's fiery tango music sets the stage for a series of sizzling encounters – some predatory, some playful.

World Premieres

Awakening (Robert Battle): Battle uses his taut, ritualistic style to powerful effect in a dance that expertly balances chaos and resolution, dissonance and harmony. His first new work since becoming artistic director in 2011 is set to a symphonic score by frequent collaborator John Mackey.

Exodus (Rennie Harris): In an electrifying piece called "one of the best made for Ailey in recent years" *(The New York Times)*, Harris imbues his signature house dance moves with uncommon depth.

Open Door (Ronald K. Brown): Renowned for his fusion of African and modern dance, Brown adds new flavor to his signature style, setting this work to recordings by Arturo O'Farrill & the Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra.

Untitled America: First Movement (Kyle Abraham): In the first installment of a three-part suite to be completed in 2016, Abraham – a MacArthur 'genius grant' winner – explores the lasting impact of the prison system on individuals and their families.

Akua Noni Parker

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Front: Rachael McLaren; Back: Linda Celeste Sims and Jacqueline Green
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W World Premiere **C** Company Premiere **N** New Production

TUES 7:30 PM	WED 2:00 PM	WED 7:30 PM	THURS 7:30 PM	FRI 8:00 PM	SAT 2:00 PM Family Matinee	SAT 8:00 PM	SUN 3:00 PM	SUN 7:30 PM
		Dec 2 at 7pm **Opening Night Gala** Open Door W Caught Revelations with live music	**Dec 3** Exodus W ODETTA Revelations	**Dec 4** Toccata N After the Rain Pas de Deux Awakening W Revelations with live music	**Dec 5** LIFT Open Door W Revelations with live music Free Q&A w/ dancers	Toccata N Caught Awakening W Revelations with live music	**Dec 6** Toccata N After the Rain Pas de Deux LIFT Revelations	Exodus W Bad Blood ODETTA
Dec 8 **All Ailey** Memoria Love Songs N Cry N Revelations	**Dec 9** *No Matinee Performance*	Polish Pieces Untitled America: First Movement W No Longer Silent C Exodus W	**Dec 10** Toccata N After the Rain Pas de Deux Uprising Revelations	**Dec 11** Memoria Piazzolla Caldera C Grace	**Dec 12** Polish Pieces Untitled America: First Movement W Awakening W Revelations Free Q&A w/ dancers	Exodus W No Longer Silent C Grace	**Dec 13** **All Ailey** Memoria Love Songs N Cry N Revelations	Bad Blood After the Rain Pas de Deux Piazzolla Caldera C Open Door W
Dec 15 **Ailey Visionaries** Night Creature A Case of You N No Longer Silent C Revelations	**Dec 16** *No Matinee Performance*	**All Ailey** Blues Suite N with live music Night Creature Cry N Revelations	**Dec 17** **All New** Piazzolla Caldera C Untitled America: First Movement W Awakening W Open Door W Proceeds benefit Dancers Responding to AIDS	**Dec 18** LIFT Bad Blood Caught Revelations	**Dec 19** **All Ailey** Blues Suite N with live music Night Creature Cry N Revelations Free Q&A w/ dancers	**All New** Piazzolla Caldera C Untitled America: First Movement W Awakening W Open Door W	**Dec 20** **Ailey Visionaries** Night Creature A Case of You N No Longer Silent C Revelations	**All Ailey** Blues Suite N with live music Love Songs N Cry N Revelations
Dec 22 **All New** Exodus W Awakening W Untitled America: First Movement W Open Door W Proceeds benefit the Ailey Dancers Resource Fund	**Dec 23** Polish Pieces Cry N Open Door W Revelations	Four Corners Exodus W Caught ODETTA	**Dec 24** Grace Awakening W Revelations	**Dec 25** *No Performance*	**Dec 26** Exodus W Four Corners After the Rain Pas de Deux Revelations Free Q&A w/ dancers	**All New** Piazzolla Caldera C Untitled America: First Movement W Awakening W Open Door W	**Dec 27** Polish Pieces After the Rain Pas de Deux Grace Revelations	LIFT Uprising Exodus W
Dec 29 **Ailey Visionaries** Night Creature A Case of You N No Longer Silent C Revelations	**Dec 30** Toccata N Cry N Uprising Revelations	Bad Blood Four Corners After the Rain Pas de Deux ODETTA	**Dec 31 at 7pm** **Judith Jamison's 50th Anniversary** Blues Suite N with live music A Case of You N Cry N Revelations	**Jan 1** *No Performance*	**Jan 2** Grace No Longer Silent C Revelations Free Q&A w/ dancers	**All New** Piazzolla Caldera C Untitled America: First Movement W Awakening W Open Door W	**Jan 3** Toccata N A Case of You N Exodus W Grace	**Special Season Finale** *includes* Revelations

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