KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS
ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER,
CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF ARTISTRY
JANUARY 28 – JANUARY 30, 2022

“This company’s nonchalant virtuosity routinely sends its audience into the rapture zone.”
- The Washington Post

“The crowd starts cheering before the curtain goes up.”
- The New York Times

“Unbelievable. Go see Ailey. It’s change-your-life good.”
- NBC’s Today Show

“An international powerhouse known for explosive and appealing modern dance.”
- The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

“Some of the most bravura dancers on the planet.”
- Chicago Sun-Times

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (December 20, 2021) – Kimmel Cultural Campus Presents Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater as the company celebrates over 60 years of unparalleled artistry – happening at the Academy of Music on Friday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, January 29 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, January 30, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Renowned for celebrating the human spirit through the African American cultural experience and the American modern dance tradition, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater returns to the
Kimmel Cultural Campus after a sold-out engagement at the Academy of Music in 2019. Led by Artistic Director Robert Battle and featuring Aliley’s extraordinary dancers, the company will move audiences with exciting premieres and beloved classics, including Aliley’s seminal work, the American classic *Revelations*.

“The arts are essential to the human experience, giving voice to thoughts and ideas that words alone cannot,” said Matías Tarnopolsky, president and CEO of The Philadelphia Orchestra and Kimmel Center, Inc. “Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and Artistic Director Robert Battle - celebrating ten years at Aliley’s helm - beautifully exemplify the power of the arts as a catalyst for change. We are delighted to welcome Aliley back in their historic 60th year, where we celebrate anew their important role as powerful storytellers and boundary breakers.”

Deeply committed to the health and safety of guests, artists, and staff and proudly certified by GBAC, the gold standard for infection prevention programs, the Kimmel Cultural Campus is requiring masks to be worn at all times, as well as proof of vaccination for those over 12. Guests under 12 will be required to show a negative PCR test result taken within 72 hours of the event.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater grew from a now-fabled performance in March 1958 at the 92nd Street Y in New York City. Led by Alvin Ailey and a group of young African American modern dancers, that performance changed forever the perception of American dance. The Ailey company has gone on to perform for an estimated 25 million people at theaters in 48 states and 71 countries on six continents.

Although he created 79 ballets over his lifetime, Mr. Ailey maintained that his company was not exclusively a repository for his own work. Today, the Company continues Mr. Ailey’s mission by presenting important works of the past and commissioning new ones. In all, more than 235 works by over 90 choreographers have been part of the Ailey company’s repertory.

On December 4, 1988, Alvin Ailey received The Kennedy Center Honor for lifetime contribution to American culture through the performing arts – the nation’s highest official distinction for creative artists. Before his untimely death in 1989, Alvin 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, and *The New York Times* declared he “has injected the company with new life.”

In 2020, the Ailey company reinvented the way it reaches audiences globally by creating Ailey All Access, a way for audiences to go online and stream full-length ballets from the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and Ailey II repertory for the first time, along with classes, conversations, and original short films. Ailey All Access won *Time Out New York*’s “Time In” Archive Treasure award for best archival streaming series.

Other featured performances on the Kimmel Cultural Campus include *A Soulful Christmas* (December 14, 2021, Verizon Hall), PHILADANCO! *Fast Forward… to the Future!* (December 10 – 12, 2021, Perelman Theater), and *STOMP* (December 28, 2021 – January 2, 2022, Merriam Theater).

**Tickets**

Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999 or online at www.kimmelculturalcampus.org. In-person ticket sales can be conducted daily from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Academy of Music Box Office, located at 240 S. Broad Street. See www.kimmelculturalcampus.org for more information.

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Kimmel Cultural Campus’ Academy of Music
Safe & Clean Commitment + Flexible Ticket Policy
The Kimmel Cultural Campus is proudly certified by the Global Biorisk Advisory Council – the gold standard for cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention programs.

We will always put the safety of our guests, artists, and staff first, and we have worked closely with partners, producers, artists, guests and other performing arts centers around the nation to develop the most comprehensive plan to safely reopen our doors. We are committing to a healthy and clean environment with increased disinfection, enhanced ventilation, and will enforce recommended health authority guidelines, including masks and proof of vaccination.

For more information on our Safe & Clean Commitment, please visit kimmelculturalcampus.org.

Masks are required to be worn at all times when on the Kimmel Cultural Campus, except when actively consuming food or beverage in designated locations. Prolonged periods of mask removal are not permitted.

All attendees for public events must show proof of full vaccination at the time of entry, with valid photo ID and copy of vaccination card (physical or photo). Proof of negative COVID-19 tests will not be accepted, with the exception of children under the age of 12; children under 12 will be required to show a negative PCR test or negative rapid result. While rapid tests (taken within 48 hours of event) are accepted, and PCR tests are preferred (taken within 72 hours of event). Official lab results are required, and home tests will not be accepted. Our position on vaccine mandates for children under the age of 12 may change as the larger population gets vaccinated.

This policy is subject to change based upon guidance from the CDC and local health authorities.

KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS
Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, our mission is to engage the region's diverse communities with art through performance and education. Our Cultural Campus serves more than 1 million guests per year and includes Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, and SEI Innovation Studio), the Academy of Music, and the Merriam Theater – representing more than 160 years of rich history for the performing arts along Philadelphia’s Avenue of the Arts. We are home to eight esteemed Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Ballet, The Philly POPS, PHILADANCO, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society, and Curtis Institute of Music. With nearly 9,000 seats per night, we are the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. Our Cultural Campus serves as a preeminent and inclusive place to enjoy exceptional experiences that reflect the spirit of our region by cultivating a creative and socially responsible environment where our community shares experiences that are delivered with pride, integrity, and respect. As a 501 c 3 nonprofit organization, we collaborate on, present, and produce a broad range of relevant and meaningful events, we serve as an active gathering space for social and community events, we educate the region's young people through access to quality arts experiences, and we provide support to artists in the creation of new work. TD Bank, America’s Most Convenient Bank, is the proud
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