

THE AILEY EXTENSION

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The Ailey Extension Offers Aspiring Dancers from Around the Country a Unique New York Experience



Ailey Extension Workshop. Photo by Arthur Coopchick

(New York) July 12, 2010 – Back by popular demand, The Ailey Extension’s “Ailey Experience Summer Workshop,” returns for another exhilarating summer. Dancers from around the country, ages 12 and up, will come to New York City from August 2 – August 6 for the chance to take 5 days of master classes at The Ailey Studios, during this week-long course designed to give dancers a taste of what it’s like to be an Ailey student.

Dancers will learn a variety of techniques like ballet, Horton, contemporary, hip hop, and West African from renowned

Ailey Faculty including Finis Jhung, Tweetie, Kat Wildish, David Marquez, and Jason Samuels Smith (faculty subject to change). All classes will take place at The Ailey Studios in The Joan Weill Center for Dance (405 West 55th Street) – the nation’s largest facility dedicated to dance.

This one-of-a-kind opportunity for aspiring young dancers includes a meet and greet with the acclaimed artists of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, advisory discussions with dance industry professionals, and Ailey souvenirs. They will experience an inspiring week in the life of an Ailey student in New York City, regarded by many as the dance capital of the world. In previous years, the Ailey Experience Summer Workshop has even motivated some to return to New York to audition for The Ailey School.

To learn more about this workshop or to register, please [click here](#) or visit www.aileyextension.com

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Since its inception in 2005, The Ailey Extension has been fulfilling Alvin Ailey’s mission of delivering dance back to its origin – the people – by offering “real classes for real people”. The Extension offers over 90 classes per week in over 25 different dance and fitness techniques for all levels. Over 36,000 people have taken classes at Ailey’s home – the nation’s largest building dedicated to dance. It boasts 12 spacious studios with floor to ceiling windows and views of the New York City skyline, providing a space where dancers of all levels and walks of life can learn and be inspired – body, mind, and spirit. Visit pressroom.alvinailey.org for photos, videos, and more information.