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**EXHIBIT COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE
THEATRE TO OPEN AT THE MUSIC CENTER'S LIBRARY OF CONGRESS/IRA
GERSHWIN GALLERY AT THE WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL**

LOS ANGELES - A new exhibit commemorating the 50th anniversary of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (AAADT) will open October 4, 2008 in the Library of Congress/Ira Gershwin Gallery at Walt Disney Concert Hall. The Gallery is the only permanent Library of Congress exhibit space outside of Washington D.C. The Ailey exhibit will run through the Company's performances at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in March 2009.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater: 50 Years as Cultural Ambassador to the World, a Library of Congress exhibition, celebrates AAADT as it marks 50 years of bringing African-American cultural expression and the American modern dance tradition to the world's stages. It features original material from the Library's Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation Archive and selected items from the Lester Horton Dance Theater Collection, offering a window into Ailey's roots, his repertory of 79 choreographic works, the development of his dance company, and the continuation of the Ailey legacy under the leadership of Judith Jamison.

Drawing on an extensive collection of photographs, the exhibit includes images of works by some of the 70 choreographers who have created dances for AAADT, as well as extraordinary examples of Ailey's most beloved creations, including "Blues Suite," "Revelations," and "Cry." It also features a short film presentation that provides insight into the history and development of AAADT.

Along with the exhibit, Dance at the Music Center welcomes AAADT for 6 performances, March 18 through 22, 2009, at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

The exhibit runs through April 6, 2009 and the gallery is open during all performances. For those not attending a performance, the gallery can be visited by taking a free tour of the Concert Hall. For tour information, contact (213) 972-4399 or visit musiccenter.org.

The Library of Congress/Ira Gershwin Gallery, established in 2003, provides Angelenos direct access to the Library's rich and diverse collections. The Gallery, designed by Hodgetts and Fung Design Associates, was made possible by a generous gift from the Ira and Leonore Gershwin Trust for the Benefit of the Library of Congress.

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