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AILEY II TO OFFER FREE PERFORMANCE OF *REVELATIONS* AT CELEBRATE BROOKLYN! ON AUGUST 6

**Evening Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Ailey's Signature Work
Company Will Also Perform *Echoes*, *Doscongio* and *Proximity***

Listings Information

Who: Ailey II

Where: Celebrate Brooklyn! @ Prospect Park Bandshell, Prospect Park West & 9th St., Brooklyn

When: Saturday, August 6, 8:00 P.M., gates open at 7:00 P.M.

Admission: Free (\$3 suggested donation)

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BRIC Arts | Media | Bklyn is pleased to announce that **Ailey II**, the junior company of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater will perform **Alvin Ailey's *Revelations*** at **Celebrate Brooklyn!** (Prospect Park Bandshell, 9th St. & Prospect Park West) on **Saturday, August 6**. This special evening honors the 50th anniversary of *Revelations*, which is considered one of the timeless masterpieces of American dance. The performance starts at **8:00 P.M.** and is free (with a suggested \$3 contribution at the gate).

Revelations debuted in 1960, just two years after the founding of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. The ballet is an American staple called a must-see for all people. Set to a suite of traditional spirituals, *Revelations* is a celebration of the human spirit and has been enjoyed by audiences worldwide for over five decades. This enduring classic launched the company into international acclaim, inciting the *Chicago Tribune* to ask "Is there a more moving work in 20th century dance than *Revelations*?" Ailey II will also perform Thang Dao's *Echoes*, Robert Moses' *Doscongio* and Carlos dos Santos' *Proximity*.

About Ailey II

Started in 1974 as the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble, Ailey II embodies Mr. Ailey's pioneering mission to establish an extended cultural community that provides dance performances, training and

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community programs for all people. Under the artistic direction of Sylvia Waters, Ailey II is comprised of the most promising scholarship students of The Ailey School and offers unique opportunities for artists to refine their technique while gaining invaluable performing and teaching experience during their tenure with the Company. Throughout its history, many Ailey II members have gone on to pursue successful careers as dancers, teachers and choreographers with other professional dance companies, on Broadway and in schools.

In recent years, Ailey II's distinctive repertory has included works by dance masters Alvin Ailey, Talley Beatty, Ulysses Dove, Lar Lubovitch, George Faison, Robert Battle, and Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's Artistic Director, Judith Jamison. Ailey II has also performed innovative works by emerging choreographers, including Thang Dao, Carlos dos Santos and Christopher Huggins. The Company's 2010-2011 tour consisted of performances in over 35 cities across the United States and for the first time, Ailey II embarked on an international tour with performances in France, Finland, Germany, and the United Kingdom. The Company has received numerous honors, awards and proclamations in recognition of its residencies at major colleges and universities as well as visits to elementary, middle and high schools across the US.

Ailey II is presented by the Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation, a non-profit organization, which also supports the activities of the renowned Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, The Ailey School, Ailey Arts In Education & Community Programs and the Ailey Extension.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ARTIST

Revelations: <http://www.alvinailey.org/revelations>

Ailey II: <http://www.alvinailey.org/about/company/ailey-ii>

ABOUT BRIC ARTS | MEDIA | BKLYN

BRIC Arts | Media | Bklyn presents contemporary art, performing arts, and community media programs that reflect Brooklyn's creativity and diversity. BRIC also provides resources to launch, nurture and showcase artists and media makers. We advance access to and understanding of arts and media by presenting free and low-cost programming, and by offering education and other public programs to people of all ages. Each year, upwards of a million people in Brooklyn and citywide are served through BRIC's programs.

BRIC's performing arts programs present emerging and established artists in music, dance, theater and multidisciplinary performance to broad audiences from Brooklyn and throughout New York City, and support the development of new work. BRIC's flagship performing arts program is the Celebrate Brooklyn! Performing Arts Festival, one of New York City's longest running, free, outdoor performing arts festivals. Launched by BRIC in 1979 as a catalyst for a Brooklyn performing arts scene and to bring people back into Prospect Park after years of neglect, Celebrate Brooklyn! was an early anchor in the park's revitalization and has become one of the city's foremost summer cultural attractions. Throughout its history, over 2,000 artists and ensembles reflective of the borough's diversity, ranging from internationally acclaimed performers to emerging, cutting-edge artists, have been presented at Celebrate Brooklyn!

ABOUT TIME WARNER CABLE WIFI

This summer, for the first time, Celebrate Brooklyn! sponsor Time Warner Cable (TWC) will provide concertgoers with access to WiFi to share photos, check email or simply surf the Internet while at events. For more details, please visit www.bricartsmedia.org/cb.

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