



Week to rest then we're off to Glasgow

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Collin Heyward.
Photo: Eduardo Patino

Hello. I'm Collin Heyward, a first-year dancer with Ailey II, and I'll be sharing my experiences with you while on tour in the UK for three weeks. Right now, we are in the midst of finishing our U.S. winter tour that ran across parts of Montana, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, New Hampshire, and New Jersey. We'll have a week to rest and then we're off to Glasgow, Scotland.

I'm so grateful for this opportunity to perform and to get a sense of the culture in the UK. I was actually born in Lakenheath Air Force Base, England, but don't remember living there because I was so young. My parents always wanted to take me back for a visit, so this trip will be a treat in honor of them as well.

I'm also a senior in the Ailey/Fordham BFA Program—Lincoln Center in New York City and will be studying for an academic course while on tour along with another company member who's in the same boat, Jacqueline Green. All the hard work will be worth it when I walk across the stage with my fellow classmates, who I so dearly miss, on May 21st. Go 2011!

Ailey II will be presenting two different programs while on tour throughout the UK. Program A consists of Donald Byrd's *Shards*, Thang Dao's *Echoes*, and Alvin Ailey's *Revelations*. Program B includes Troy Powell's *The External Knot*, Jessica Lang's *Splendid Isolation II*, Robert Battle's *The Hunt*, and Alvin Ailey's *Revelations*. I'm hoping all goes well and that we receive fantastic responses. In the meanwhile, enjoy some of the photos taken from our winter tour.

Until next time, Collin =)



Here I am standing in the snow covered streets of beautiful Telluride, Colorado.
(Photo by Slim Mello)



We spent one night in Las Vegas, Nevada and boy, it was a night to remember!



They don't lie when they say the west has the most amazing sunsets.