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For the dance lovers in your life

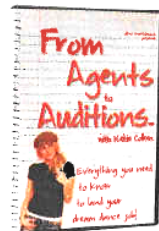


So You Think You Can Dance Get Fit

By Paramount Home Entertainment
Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation
In a nutshell: Ideal tools for those who enjoy dance-inspired exercise.

Six star dancers from Fox's hit TV show, "So You Think You Can Dance," lead viewers through more than 90 minutes of step-by-step exercises in these new fitness DVDs, *SYTYCD Get Fit: Cardio Funk* and *Tone and Groove*. Viewers will work up a sweat while following along with former contestants Stephen "Twitch" Boss, Katee Shean, Dmitry Chaplin, Lauren Gottlieb, Travis Wall and Courtney Galiano, as they demonstrate fitness routines in various styles, including hip hop, cha-cha, jazz, disco and contemporary. Each DVD begins with a warm-up and ends in a cool down, and it includes a bonus workout and behind-the-scenes interviews with the dancers, as well as the show's executive producer, Nigel Lythgoe. Fitness gurus and dancers will have fun toning and sculpting their bodies with these high-energy, star-filled DVDs.

—Courtney Rae Allen



From Agents to Auditions with Keltie Colleen

By Keltie Colleen
Alinta Entertainment

In a nutshell: A guide for serious dancers curious about how to break into the entertainment business.

This 100-minute DVD is packed with advice from choreographer/dancer Keltie Colleen, whose resumé includes the New Jersey Nets, Radio City Rockettes, Disney's *Enchanted*, MTV's Video Music Awards and Tony Award-winning director Jerry Mitchell's Las Vegas production, *Peepshow*. For serious dancers eager to land their dream jobs, Keltie provides tips on getting an agent, creating resumé's, headshots, attending auditions, facing rejection and much more. Filmed in her New York City apartment, the bubbly small town girl turned dance celebrity shares stories from her own audition experiences, reminding viewers that she's been there, too, and her approachable personality allows those watching to appreciate her genuine advice. Viewers are also treated to exclusive interviews with successful choreographers, directors and agents, including Kristin Altfather, the Radio City Rockettes' assistant choreographer and dance captain, and music video director Alan Ferguson. —Erin K. Dean



A Hymn for Alvin Ailey

By Orlando Bagwell
ROJA Productions and Educational
Broadcasting Corporation

In a nutshell: For Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater enthusiasts.

Personal interviews with Ailey and those who were close to him are interspersed with footage from Judith Jamison's *Hymn* (1993) in the Emmy Award-winning 1999 film, *A Hymn for Alvin Ailey*, recently re-released as a special edition to honor Jamison's 20th Anniversary as AAADT's artistic director. Through real-life testimonies and moving choreography, along with archival photographs and video clips (including Ailey's funeral), this one-hour DVD deeply connects audiences with the revolutionary artist and his dancers. The *Blues Suite* soundtrack is also now available, allowing fans to hum (or dance along) to all 11 selections from the ballet that launched the world-renowned company in 1958. Listeners will be moved as the sultry blues music, sung by the late Brother John Sellers, brings Ailey's personal memories of his Texas childhood to life. —Rachel Zar

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