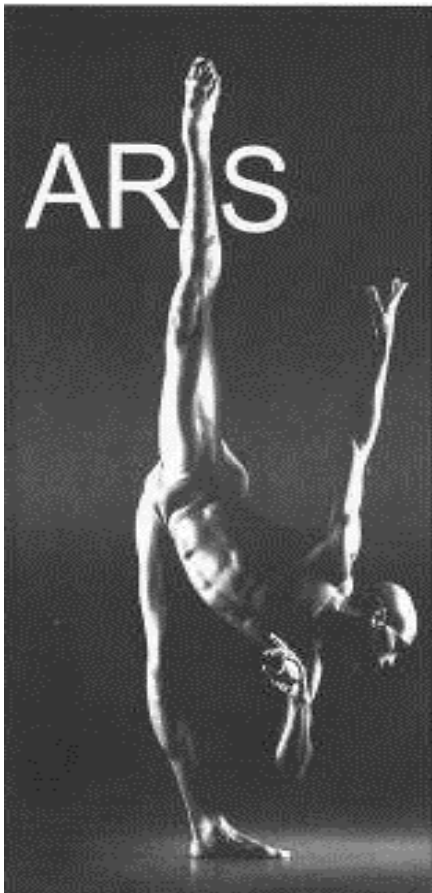




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Dancer Antonio Douthit.  
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## *Troy Powell New Artistic Director with Ailey II*

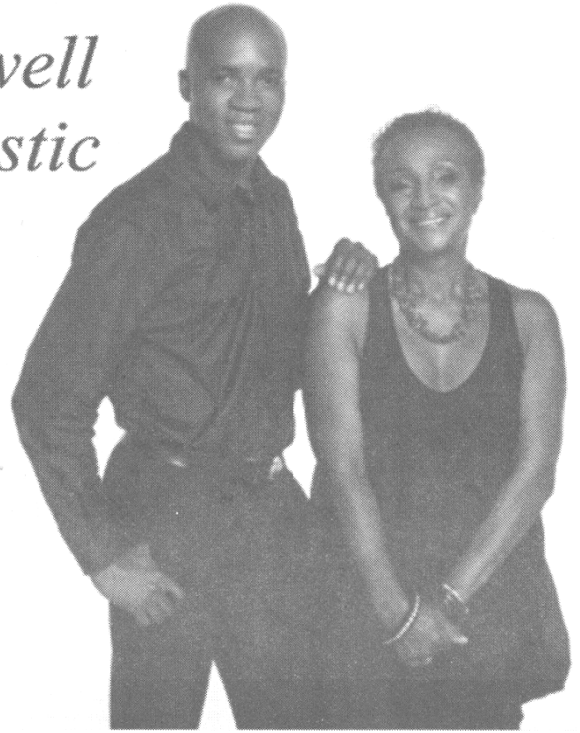


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New York, NY - Troy Powell has become only the second person in almost 40 years to lead the renowned second company of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Ailey II. Powell has had a unique rise to his current position as Artistic Director. His journey began at age 9 when Alvin Ailey selected him to receive a scholarship to The Ailey School.

Over the years he grew from student to Ailey II company member and later, a star in Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater for ten years. Afterwards, he became a choreographer and Associate Artistic

Director of Ailey II working under the tutelage of Sylvia Waters for ten years. Last summer, the legendary Waters chose him to succeed her as Ailey II's new artistic director.

In the fall, Ailey II will kick off a 25-city world tour, visiting domestic locales such as Boulder, CO; Columbus, OH and Elon, NC. Stops on the international portion of their tour will include over a half a dozen cities in France and Germany.