

## Rock-A-Your 2K10 Soul



As we speak, Ailey dancers are preparing to perform their signature piece, *Revelations*. They're living the dreams they tell you about below. *gendance* is honored to welcome you to 2K10 with our New Year's Eve issue titled, ***Revelations and Resolutions***; The beloved dreams and aspirations of *Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre* performers. Happy New Year to all GFF's across the globe.

### Constance Stamatou

My New Year's **resolution** is to live life day by day. To grow as a person, and a dancer with no limits. 2010 will be the next chapter of my life filled with family, happiness, and love. The biggest **revelation** I've had this year is the importance of self-reflection and having peace. Life is short, life is beautiful, life is love and it is important to do what makes you truly happy. I will continue to use dance as my outlet to express myself.

### Rachael McLaren

My **revelation** this year has surprisingly been all about food. I love to eat, and traveling around the world with this company has ignited my passion for cooking. It's amazing how much you can learn about a culture through their food. Dancing with this amazing company means I barely have enough time to think about anything other than dance. I've decided that my New Year's **resolution** for 2010 will be to make time to explore different interests and passions that I would have otherwise been too busy to explore, such as cooking classes (and eventually culinary school).

### Jamar Roberts

My New Year's **resolution** is to remain creative and to live in the moment. The biggest **revelation** I've had this year is the importance of love. Both giving and receiving.

### Kirven James Boyd

My **resolution** for the New Year is to be even more grateful for every opportunity I get to dance. Also, I will embrace the fact that everything happens for



a reason and every challenge is a test that is only going to make me a better person. The biggest **revelation** I've had this year was realizing the importance of surrounding myself with good people. Dancers that work hard motivate me to be better both in life and in dance.

### Antonio Douthit

My **resolution** is to always remember why I love to dance and how blessed I am to be doing what I love to do for a living. My **revelation** of this year is that I realized that my dream as a young man have come true, which was to be in Alvin Ailey performing ballets I saw as a kid and the dream of traveling the world.

### Josh Johnson

The year has been a beautiful year. My **revelation** is that I've learned how to love the days and enjoy life for all that it is. My New Year's **resolution** is to promote peace and love in all that I do.

### Hope Boykin

I usually shy away from calling a new plan or idea, which happens to fall around the latter part of December, a "New Year's Resolution," because the plans are often hard to keep. Maybe this year will be different. Around the end of the AAADT's domestic tour, I decided to take a vacation (**the Revelation**). Actually this was the very first vacation that I had ever been on as an adult. It took several days to learn to relax, but once I got it, I loved every moment.

Lately I've been working hard, as have all of my colleagues, and I have been thinking about that vacation and rest time. I have decided to take time out for myself on a regular basis (**the Resolution**). Being a part of AAADT affords so many opportunities, and as a member of the hardest working dance company in the world, believe it or not, I am always adding to my already amazingly heavy schedule. But the reality is that I must take care of my body; it is my instrument.

So here it is, my New Year's Resolution... I, Hope Boykin, do solemnly swear to take time for myself, rest and recuperate, and go on nice long vacations every year.

**This issue is dedicated to our ultimate favorite piece, *Revelations*. Thank you, Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre for giving us a New Year's Eve**



to remember. If you're lucky enough to be at the Ailey performance tonight at City Center, congrats. If you're not, [watch this clip](#). (You may find yourself clapping and standing at the end as always.)

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