

ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER

HOPE BOYKIN (Durham, NC) is a three-time recipient of the American Dance Festival's Young Tuition Scholarship. She attended Howard University and while in Washington, DC she performed with Lloyd Whitmore's New World Dance Company. Ms. Boykin was a student and intern at The Ailey School. She was assistant to the late Talley Beatty and an original member of Complexions. Ms. Boykin was a member of Philadanco and received a New York Dance and Performance "Bessie" Award. In 2005, Ms. Boykin choreographed *Acceptance in Surrender* in collaboration with Abdur-Rahim Jackson and Matthew Rushing for Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. Most recently, she choreographed *Go In Grace* with award-winning singing group Sweet Honey In The Rock for the Company's 50th anniversary season. Ms. Boykin joined the Company in 2000.

"Praise god for Hope Boykin!"
The Village Voice

"Hope Boykin **feels every step**. She can act as one-person artillery unit onstage, **hurling her body** like a cannonball, but she also has a softer more emotional side."

Dance Magazine

"...always a **powerhouse presence**..."
The New York Observer

"[Her] **intensity** is like a physical speaking in tongues..."
The New York Times

"...extra-dynamic ..."
The New York Times

"...stood out...like a small **force of nature** on the stage"
The New York Times

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