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Milestones and opening nights

December 4, 2009



ALVIN AILEY Opening Night Gala Benefit at the New York City Center / Hilton.

The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Opening Night Gala 2009 was fun. Honorary Chairs and Honored Guests were **Pauletta and Denzel Washington**. Gala Co-Chairs were **Simin and Herb Allison, Kathryn and Ken Chenault, Katherine Farley and Jerry Speyer, Agnes and Gerald Hassell, Gabriella Morris and Dennis Brownlee and Joan and Sandy Weill**. Gala Vice-Chairs were **Emily and Michael Cavanagh, Linda and Sandy Lindenbaum, Jeanne Greenberg Rohatyn and Nicolas Rohatyn, Tawana Tibbs and Bruce Gordon, Janice Savin Williams and Christopher Williams**.

The evening marked the 20th Anniversary of the amazing **Judith Jamison** as Artistic Director. Alvin Ailey's Revelations brought the evening's finale to a rousing end. There were a 1000 guests for the after party at the New York Hilton.



Michelle P. Paterson



Judith Jamison and Wynton Marsalis



Soledad O'Brien



Crystal McCrary



Earl Graves Sr.



Susan Fales-Hill and Judith Byrd-Blaylock



Arthur and Elizabeth Mirante



Eric Lewis



Geoffrey Holder and Carmen de
Lavallade



India.Arie



Ronni Favors



Amsale Aberra



Debra L. Lee



Londell McMillan



Joan and Sandy Weill



Scott Nolan and Marion Fischer



Janice Williams and Christopher J. Williams



Andre Leon Talley



Denise Jefferson and Francesca Harper



Dina Merrill and Cole Rumbough



Josh Johnson



Nick Ashford and Valerie Simpson



Jacqueline Lavinia Brown, Jesse Jackson, and Sharon Gersten Luckman



Keisha and Kunle Omilana



Jonelle Procope



Jackie Reid



Pauletta Washington



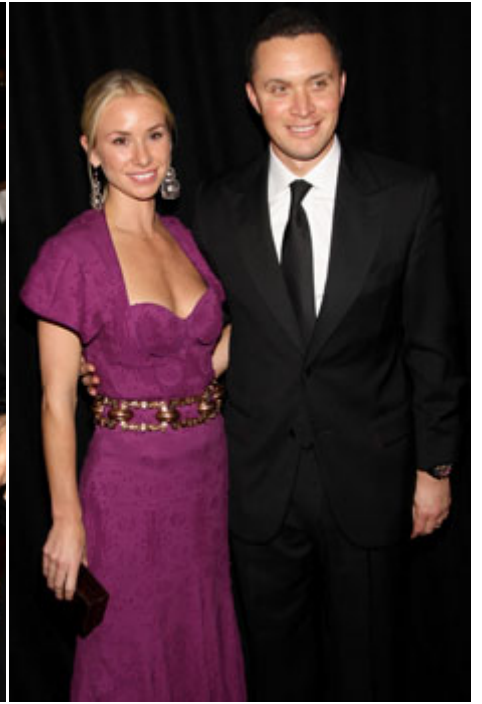
Stephen Hill



Bruce Gordon and Tawana Tibbs



Paul Szilard



Emily Blauvik and Harold Ford
Jr.

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