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THE COMPANY with ROBERT BATTLE (center) Photo by ANDREW ECCLES

ALVIN AILEY's Historic Performance

Since Judith Jamison's tenure at The Alvin Ailey Dance Theater, the school has been regarded as a vital American "Cultural Ambassador to the World", that has practically changed forever the perception of American dance.

The Company is now led by Robert Battle, who, Judith Jamison chose to succeed her on July 1, 2011. We were interested in what was in store for the organization and the plans for their historic engagement in Atlanta starting on February 17th at the Fabulous Fox Theatre.

Renaldo Gardner, one of thirty dancers in the Dance Theater, shared his views on why this year's performance in Atlanta will be such an historic event. "In addition to this being the first year that Artistic Director Robert Battle

has taken over the Dance Theater, we are premiering two new pieces. One of their first pieces is entitled *Home*, which is a hip hop piece inspired by stories that were submitted to fight HIV/AIDS."

Gardner adds that this piece will be great because it pays tribute to Mr. Ailey who died from HIV. Many want to know what direction Battle will take the Dance Theater, and Gardner remains optimistic about its future. "Mr. Battle wants dancers to be human beings. He wants his dancers to dance spiritually and emotionally and that's the direction he's moving the Theater along." The Alvin Ailey Dance Theater is launching an inspiring new era for the millions of people who appreciate their creativity. We expect to be wowed and humbled by the performances as well as finding our revelation! For more information on tickets go here.