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Robert Battle #87

- Robert Battle is artistic director of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.
- Dancer and choreographer who has been named artistic director of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.
- Job: Artistic director, Alvin Ailey
- Sector: Arts
- Location: New York
- Age: 38
- Bio:

[Robert Battle](#), who was raised by his great-uncle, great-aunt and cousin in Miami's Liberty City neighborhood, is the third person to lead the iconic [Alvin Ailey](#) dance company since its founding in 1958. Upon graduating from the Juilliard School, Battle performed with the Parsons Dance Co. before founding Battleworks Dance Co., which eventually disbanded. Battle never danced for Alvin Ailey, but over the years, he choreographed several ballets for the troupe, including [In/Side](#) and [The Hunt](#).

