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Ailey dance company hosts gala

The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater hosted its 13th annual opening night gala and benefit at the Kennedy Center Tuesday night. Proceeds from the event, which drew politicians and business leaders, will fund scholarships to the Ailey School.

1. From left to right, Gerri Hall, Rep. Mel Watt (D-N.C.) and Ellen Schned, senior vice president of Ovation TV. **2.** Southern Company's President of External Affairs Chris Womack, left, with Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Tex.). **3.** Gala co-chair and CEO of BET Debra Lee, left, and Lyndon K. Boozer, an assistant vice president at AT&T, are all smiles at the event. **4.** Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-Md.), left, chats with Marcellus Alexander Jr., executive vice president of Television at the National Association of Broadcasters. **5.** Renee Robinson, principal dancer at Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, is escorted by fellow Ailey dancer Guillermo Asca. **6.** Gala co-chair Gina Adams, left, with Art Collins. **7.** Rep. James Clyburn (D-S.C.), left, with his chief of staff, Dave Grimaldi. **8.** Steve Olson, left, deputy chief of staff and senior advisor to the secretary of commerce, and Chad Gutstein, CEO of Ovation TV. **9.** From left to right, Kathryn Rand, Winston Bao Lord and Jayne Sandman. **10.** Molly Elkin and Ivan Wasserman get close on the dance floor. **11.** Gwen Mitch strikes a pose on the dance floor.