BE ON POINTE

The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (aaliley.org) does more than just put on a good show; it offers many classes that are open to the public. Channel your inner ballerina, go modern, or simply shimmy on the side with classes ranging from hip-hop to Afro-Cuban to Haitian folkloric dance. To make dance a family affair, check out the programs for adults and kids at the Dance Theatre of Harlem, (dancetheatreofharlem.org/adultprogram)

SEW, YOU MAKE FASHION?

You have closets filled with designer labels—the only one missing is yours. Project Runway made Parsons The New School for Design (new escol.edu/parson) famous for its fashion design teachings, while the Fashion Institute of Technology (fitn.edu/2837.org) is a cut-and-sew industry classic featuring coursework in fabric styling, textiles, and fashion and jewelry design. If fashion week isn’t your goal, a hobbyist can get the basics at The Sewing Studio (thesewing.com), which offers an eight-week intro to sewing as well as challenging options for intermediate and advanced levels.