

Alvin Ailey believed that “dance is for everybody.” He dedicated his company to serve not only as performers, but as teachers and role models to tens of thousands of children each year. Since its founding in 1958, the Ailey organization has honored this commitment to bring dance into the classrooms, communities, and lives of people throughout the world.

The **Ailey Arts In Education & Community Programs** (AIE) department represents a vital continuation of Alvin Ailey’s original vision. Annually, AIE reaches over 7,000 young people in the New York City area, giving students from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to explore their creative potential while also imparting life skills such as teamwork and self-discipline. AileyDance Kids offers comprehensive dance training that inspires self-respect and confidence, cultivates imagination and joy, and fosters a personal appreciation for dance.

AileyDance Kids serves grades Pre K–12 in public, charter, and private schools and community based organizations, and it has a variety of programs to meet the individual needs of each school during both in-school and out-of-school hours.



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RESIDENCY ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

AileyDance Kids (ADK) offers residencies that are structured to implement and achieve the goals of the New York City Department of Education's *Blueprint For Teaching and Learning in Dance* and its accompanying strands for Pre K–12 grade students and are aligned with the New York State Learning Standards in the Arts. Residencies can also be linked to students’ academic curriculum. Experienced dance teachers and musicians from Ailey Arts In Education & Community Programs conduct these classes. Support materials, including biographies and a *Resource Guide for Educators* are distributed. These materials serve as an introduction to the Ailey organization, the accomplishments of Alvin Ailey, and the artistry of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. We offer instruction in the following techniques and styles, and two dance curricula:

- **Modern:** Horton technique*
- **Creative Movement** (Pre K–2)*
- **Ballet**
- **West African***
- **Jazz**
- **Hip-Hop**
- **Musical Theater Dance**
- **Percussion**

*Accompanied by a percussionist

Revelations: An interdisciplinary Approach (grades 6–9), a middle school curriculum-based initiative that uses Ailey's signature piece *Revelations* to teach academic subjects in classrooms.

Night Creature: An Imaginative Journey Through Dance (grades 3–5), an elementary school curriculum that features a fusion of Duke Ellington's sparkling music and Alvin Ailey's buoyant choreography from the work, *Night Creature*.

AileyDance Kids residencies can be customized to fit a school's schedule and budgetary needs.

Note: Classes larger than 30 participants may require an Ailey assistant and incur an additional cost. Minimum number of classes for an ADK residency: Two consecutive 45 - 60 minute class periods.

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ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS AT A GLANCE

	OVERVIEW	GRADES	WHEN	LENGTH	AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY?
FULL-YEAR RESIDENCY	Residency lasting up to 30 weeks, 2-6 classes weekly; includes lecture-demonstration and performance tickets	Pre K-12	Sept-June	30 weeks; min. 2 consecutive classes / week	YES
EIGHT-WEEK INTENSIVE	Residency lasting 8 weeks, 16 hours total; includes lecture-demonstration and performance tickets	Pre K-12	Sept-June	2 consecutive classes per week over 8 weeks (16 classes total)	YES
ONE-WEEK RESIDENCY	2 dance classes a day for 5 consecutive days in a specific technique	Pre K-12	Sept-June	5 days; min. 2 consecutive classes/day	YES
REVELATIONS: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH	Residency lasting a minimum of 1 week focusing on Ailey's signature work; plus professional development for teachers	6-9	Oct-June	5 days; min. 2 consecutive classes/day	YES
NIGHT CREATURE: AN IMAGINATIVE JOURNEY THROUGH DANCE	Residency lasting a minimum of 1 week focusing on Ailey's masterwork; plus professional development for teachers	3-5	Oct-June	5 days; min. 2 consecutive classes/day	NO
PERCUSSION LECTURE DEMONSTRATION	Interactive workshop featuring rhythm and its relation to dance and culture	Pre K-12	Sept-June	45-60 minutes	YES
MASTER CLASS	A one-time master class by an Ailey teaching artist for students in high school dance programs	9-12	Sept-June	90 minutes	YES
DANCE TECHNIQUE CLASS	A single dance workshop for one class of students taught by an Ailey teaching artist	Pre K-12	Sept-June	45-60 minutes	YES
DANCERS FROM THE AILEY SCHOOL	An in-school performance followed by a Q&A session with dancers from The Ailey School	3-12	TBC	45-60 minutes	NO
COME & DANCE AT AILEY	One dance workshop geared toward students and/or families, at the Ailey studios	Pre K-12 + adults	Oct-June	60 minutes	NO
FAMILY FUN NIGHT	Dance workshops for families; held at your school	Pre K-12 + adults	Oct-June	90 minutes	YES
TOUR THE JOAN WEILL CENTER FOR DANCE	Building tour of Ailey's home; for groups including students and chaperones	3-12 + adults	Oct-May	40 minutes	NO