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**Northrop Presents Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, March 1**

*An unforgettable evening of dance by America’s “Cultural Ambassadors to the World”*

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Minneapolis, MN (1/25/ 2016) – Northrop at the University of Minnesota presents [Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater](http://www.northrop.umn.edu/events/alvin-ailey-american-dance-theater-3) on Tue, Mar 1 at 7:30 pm. In a wonderful showcase of African-American choreographers, the evening will include will include a mix of new works by acclaimed choreographers as well as Alvin Ailey’s signature masterpiece *Revelations*.

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[Carlson Family Stage](http://www.northrop.umn.edu/visit/our-spaces/carlson-family-stage)

*Open Door*

*Cry*

*Exodus*

*Revelations*

The legendary powerhouse of contemporary dance, [Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater](http://www.alvinailey.org/) comes to Northrop this March with a mixed repertory performance. The company will open its one-night only engagement with a new Cuban-inspired work [*Open Door*](http://www.alvinailey.org/open-door), by Ronald K. Brown. Inspired by a recent trip to Cuba, Brown’s *Open Door* explores the power of dance and music as a vehicle for compassion utilizing songs from *Cuba: The Conversation Continues.*

Alvin Ailey choreographed the ballet [*Cry*](http://www.alvinailey.org/about/company/alvin-ailey-american-dance-theater/repertory/cry) as a birthday present for his mother; it went on to become an enduring work of American art. This dance takes the audience on a journey of bitter sorrow, brutal hardship, and ecstatic joy. [*The* *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*](http://www.ajc.com/) said, “One of Ailey’s masterpieces… *Cry* is Ailey’s tribute to black women everywhere – their joys, their sorrows, their hardships, their strength. The work… never pales.”

Acclaimed hip-hop choreographer Rennie Harris's new work, [*Exodus*](http://www.alvinailey.org/exodus), is set to gospel and house music mixed with spoken word. Exemplifying his view of hip-hop as a "celebration of life," the work underscores the crucial role of action and movement in effecting change.

Closing out the show is Alvin Ailey’s signature masterpiece, [*Revelations*](http://www.alvinailey.org/about/company/alvin-ailey-american-dance-theater/repertory/revelations?gclid=CJ2Ngbuvp8oCFVBlfgodjU0Pqw)*,* hailed as “one of the great works of the human spirit.” Created in 1960, *Revelations* was inspired by Ailey’s childhood and explores the grief and joy of the natural human condition. With consistent grace, spiritual elation, and elegance, *Revelations* has been seen by more peopleworldwide than any other existing modern work.

A sneak peek video of the evening’s program is available [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YY-zX9aXjaw).

[**TICKETS**](https://www.tickets.umn.edu/northrop/online/mapSelect.asp?BOset%3A%3AWSmap%3A%3Aseatmap%3A%3Aperformance_ids=28596E65-96A5-4728-B958-B17FE93F9D12)

**Single tickets:** $74, $64, $54 [Discounts](http://www.northrop.umn.edu/tickets-events/discounts) available

**Group sales:** Groups of 10+ save 15% off original ticket prices or 25% off for schools and educational groups. To purchase group sales tickets, email [nropgrps@umn.edu](mailto:nropgrps@umn.edu) or call Bridget Reddan at 612-625-1578.

**Discounted Rush Tickets**

$10 for U of M Students

$20 for U of M Staff/Faculty

$20 Students/Educators from other schools

Rush tickets can be purchased online, over the phone, or in-person at the Northrop box offices beginning at 10:00 am the morning of the performance. Receive two discounted tickets per qualifying person with appropriate I.D. Rush tickets are based on availability.

**Related Events:**

Northrop Presents

[**Film Screening: *Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater: Beyond the Steps***](http://www.northrop.umn.edu/events/film-screening-alvin-ailey-american-dance-theater-beyond-steps)

Thu, Feb 25, 6:30 pm

[Best Buy Theater](http://www.northrop.umn.edu/visit/our-spaces/best-buy-theater)

Free and open to the public

This dazzling cinema verité documentary follows the extraordinary dancers and renowned choreographers of the [Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater](http://www.alvinailey.org/) as they do everything it takes to keep American modern dance fresh and its legacy alive.

[*Beyond the Steps*](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0819758/) intertwines the dancers’ individual tragedies and triumphs with breathtaking performance footage from their journey, shining a spotlight on the story of one of America’s most beloved cultural institutions.

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**Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Performance Preview**Tue, Mar 1, 6:15-7:00 pm

[Best Buy Theater](http://www.northrop.umn.edu/visit/our-spaces/best-buy-theater)

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Gain insight into the performance at an in-depth conversation about the company and the evening’s program.

**FUNDING CREDITS**

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