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**Get to Know the Show event for
ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER
Featuring dancers from ALVIN AILEY**

**Monday, Feb. 8, 2010
6:00 p.m.
Knight Theater**

CHARLOTTE, NC – The Blumenthal Performing Arts Center and the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture invites the community to learn from members of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater at a free “Get to Know The Show” lecture/demonstration. This special event will take place Monday, Feb. 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Knight Theater.

The program, led by Ailey dancers, consists of narration, warm-up exercises, common dance movements and short excerpts from popular pieces of their repertory. The narration includes a brief history of the company and discussion of the commitment, discipline and hard work involved in becoming a professional dancer – elements common to achievement of any personal goal. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions and personally meet the cast.

The “Get To Know The Show” event is free but **interested participants must RSVP in advance** by contacting the Blumenthal Education Department by phone at 704.348.5784 or via email at eiprograms@ncbpac.org. For more information, please visit BlumenthalCenter.org/workshops.

All participants at the “Get To Know The Show” event will receive a coupon to get \$10 off a ticket to an Alvin Ailey performance. Offer valid so long as tickets are available. The Charlotte engagement of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater runs Feb. 9-14 at the Knight Theater (430 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, 28202).

Hailed by *The New York Times* as being “rich with fine performers these days, both established and rising stars,” Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater will soon bring the beauty, power, passion and artistry that are its hallmarks to audiences in Charlotte. Led by acclaimed Artistic Director Judith Jamison, the Company will present a diverse repertory of revered classics, recent favorites, exciting premieres and dramatic new productions.

Tickets for Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater are on sale now and can be purchased online at BlumenthalCenter.org, by phone at 704-372-1000, or from the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Box Office located in the Tryon Street lobby of the Belk Theater.

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