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**ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER**  
*Knight Theater – February 9 – 14, 2010*

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

*"An often overwhelming experience is witnessing the grace and magic that is uniquely Ailey."  
- WABC – Channel 7, Eyewitness News, Kemberly Richardson*

Charlotte, NC – Hailed by *The New York Times* as being “rich with fine performers these days, both established and rising stars,” ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER comes to the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center’s Knight Theater Feb. 9 – 14, 2010. 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 are on sale now and can be purchased online at [BlumenthalCenter.org](http://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.

Founded in 1958 by Alvin Ailey, the troupe is known for its vibrant activity and repertory as well as for Mr. Ailey’s humanist vision. The company of 30 dancers earned its nickname, “Cultural Ambassador to the World” because of its extensive international touring. AAADT has performed for an estimated 23 million people in 71 countries worldwide. Upon every new stage they promote the uniqueness of the African American cultural experience combined with the preservation and enrichment of the American modern dance.

**AT A GLANCE...**

**WHAT:** ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER  
**WHEN:** February 9 - 14, 2010  
**WHERE:** Knight Theater (430 South Tryon St. / Charlotte, NC / 28202)  
**COST:** Tickets start at \$34  
**TIX/MORE INFO:** [BlumenthalCenter.org](http://BlumenthalCenter.org); 704-372-1000; or at the box office

**ABOUT THE BLUMENTHAL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

The North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center serves the Carolinas as a leading cultural, entertainment and education provider. For more information, call (704) 372-1000 or visit [BlumenthalCenter.org](http://BlumenthalCenter.org). The Center receives operating support from the Arts & Science Council and the North Carolina Arts Council. The Center is also supported through the generous aid of its sponsors, including U.S. Airways, Official Airline of Blumenthal Performing Arts Center; Presbyterian Hospital, the preferred healthcare provider for the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center; and Duke Energy, sponsor of the Duke Energy Broadway Lights Series.



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