

# ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER

**COURTNEY CELESTE SPEARS (Baltimore, MD)**, of Bahamian descent, began formal training at the Baltimore School for the Arts under the direction of Norma Pera. She was the 2015 Denise Jefferson Memorial Scholar and graduated summa cum laude with honors from the Ailey/Fordham BFA Program with degrees in dance and communications. Ms. Spears attended summer intensives at The Juilliard School and American Ballet Theatre, where she was named The National Training Scholar for two years. She has performed works by Camille A. Brown, Donald Byrd, Rennie Harris, and Azure Barton. Ms. Spears is a 2015 Princess Grace Award recipient and the co-founder of ArtSea Dance, an outreach and dance management company based in the Bahamas. Ms. Spears is signed with Wilhelmina Models and graduated from Harvard Business School's "Crossover Into Business" program for professional athletes. She was a member of Ailey II and joined the Company in 2018. Instagram: @bahamaballerina

**"...flawless...lithe and limber..."**  
**-Broadway Dance World**

**"Courtney Celeste Spears...speed,  
clarity and elegance of spirit in her  
supple dancing. She's a natural."**  
**-The New York Times**



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