



# ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER

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## TARGET 20 NIGHT CELEBRATES JUDITH JAMISON ON HER 20<sup>TH</sup> YEAR AS ARTISTIC DIRECTOR WITH ALL SEATS FOR \$20 ON DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>



JUDITH JAMISON AND AAADT MEMBERS. PHOTO BY NAN MELVILLE

## TICKETS AVAILABLE ON OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AT NEW YORK CITY CENTER BOX OFFICE

(New York) September 24, 2009 – Judith Jamison will be celebrated as she begins her 20<sup>th</sup> year as Artistic Director of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater with TARGET 20 Night – a special performance on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm with all tickets priced at \$20, sponsored by Target.

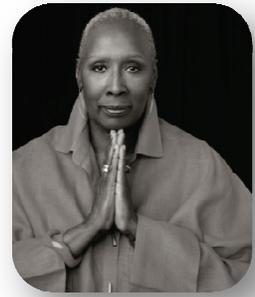
“We are proud of our partnership with Alvin Ailey, an organization that shares our views on the power and importance of the arts, and we are honored to support such a momentous milestone in Judith Jamison’s career,” said Laysha Ward, president, community relations, Target. “At Target, we continually strive to make the arts more affordable and accessible for all by sponsoring events at local cultural institutions in communities across the country, where our guests live, work and play.”

A 2009 TIME 100 Honoree, Judith Jamison is one of the most renowned figures in modern dance with an acclaimed career as a dancer, choreographer and director. A recipient of a primetime Emmy award, a National Medal of Arts and many of the nation's most prestigious honors, she has led the Ailey organization to new heights and into a permanent home - the nation's largest building for dance.

“I am thrilled that Target will be helping to launch our season with a special celebration that shares the magic of Ailey with new audiences,” stated Judith Jamison. “It brings me great pride that each time the curtain goes up my dancers’ extraordinary artistry and spirit continues to inspire audiences here at home – and around the world.”

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The December 3<sup>rd</sup> Target 20 Night performance will include a short film tribute produced by Target, an excerpt of *Divining*, the first work that Mr. Ailey invited Ms. Jamison to choreograph for the Company, and the rousing masterpiece *Revelations*, an unforgettable signature work.



**Target 20 Night specially-priced tickets will only be available at the New York City Center Box Office (131 West 55<sup>th</sup> Street between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues) on October 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9am (available while supplies last). Special free activities include a treats truck, music, chair massages and other surprises.**

Arrive early for the best seats as tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Limit four per person. For further information, visit [www.alvinailey.org/target20](http://www.alvinailey.org/target20).



**Target is the sponsor of Target 20 Night.**

### **About Target**

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### **TARGET 20 NIGHT –THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 8PM**

**CELEBRATING JUDITH JAMISON ON HER 20<sup>TH</sup> YEAR AS ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER IN A ONE-NIGHT-ONLY PERFORMANCE WITH ALL TICKETS PRICED AT \$20.**

TICKETS ON SALE - BOX OFFICE ONLY: Saturday, October 3rd at 9am (while supplies last)

NEW YORK CITY CENTER BOX OFFICE

131 West 55th Street, between 6th and 7th Avenues, New York, NY

- FOUR ticket limit per person.

- Please note that lines are expected, and patrons are advised to arrive early and plan accordingly.

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### **SEASON OF CELEBRATION**

**Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater**, recognized by U.S. Congress as a vital American “Cultural Ambassador to the World,” returns to the stage of **New York City Center from December 2, 2009 through January 3, 2010** for a five-week season honoring **Judith Jamison** as she embarks on her 20<sup>th</sup> year as Artistic Director.

In addition to **Target 20 Night on December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, the series of special programs and performances celebrating Jamison include; a **one-night-only opening benefit performance on December 2nd, hosted by Pauletta and Denzel Washington, Ronald K. Brown’s** world premiere tribute ***Dancing Spirit***, live onstage appearances by **Anna Deavere Smith** in ***Hymn***, a **Best of 20 Years** program featuring works commissioned during Jamison’s tenure, and **Judith Jamison’s** new ballet with original jazz compositions by musical iconoclast **Eric Lewis**.

For a detailed schedule and information on tickets, which start at \$25, visit [www.alvinailey.org](http://www.alvinailey.org).

### **TICKET TO DANCE**

**The Ailey Extension program of dance and fitness classes for all is pleased to offer ticket holders a free class with their ticket stub from an Ailey performance.** The offer is good for one year from the performance date for first time students, and for returning students when purchasing a 10-class card.