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Alvin Ailey Turns 50

Jessye Norman, Oprah Winfrey, Wynton Marsalis and an assortment of dancers will help celebrate Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater's 50th-anniversary season this year. The celebration, set to begin Dec. 3 at New York City Center and run through Jan. 4, will include a world premiere by **Mauro Bigonzetti**, performances by the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and Mr. Marsalis, and three new productions of landmark pieces. The season will kick off with a gala featuring Ms. Winfrey. The program will feature a special performance of one of Ailey's most famous works, "Revelations," with live music and performances by Ms. Norman, **Richard Smallwood, Yolanda Adams** and **Ella Mitchell**. The season will also include a new work by **Hope Boykin**, a member of the company. Jazz at Lincoln Center and Mr. Marsalis will join the company for one week in a program called "Ailey & Ellington," which will include pieces on which Ailey and Duke Ellington collaborated.