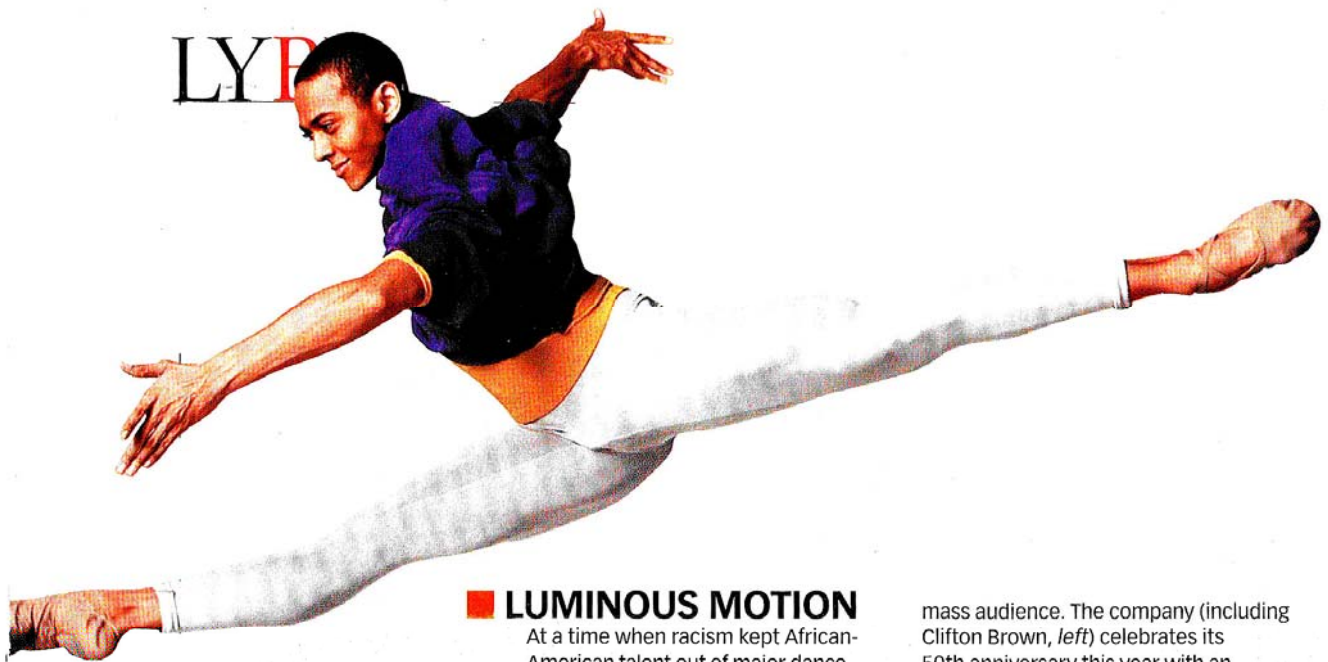


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At a time when racism kept African-American talent out of major dance troupes, the trailblazing **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater**, founded in 1958, not only broke the color barrier but brought modern dance to a

mass audience. The company (including Clifton Brown, *left*) celebrates its 50th anniversary this year with an international tour, two books, and a bevy of commemorative items (greeting cards, a Movado watch, even a Barbie). For more information, go to [alvinailey.org](http://alvinailey.org).