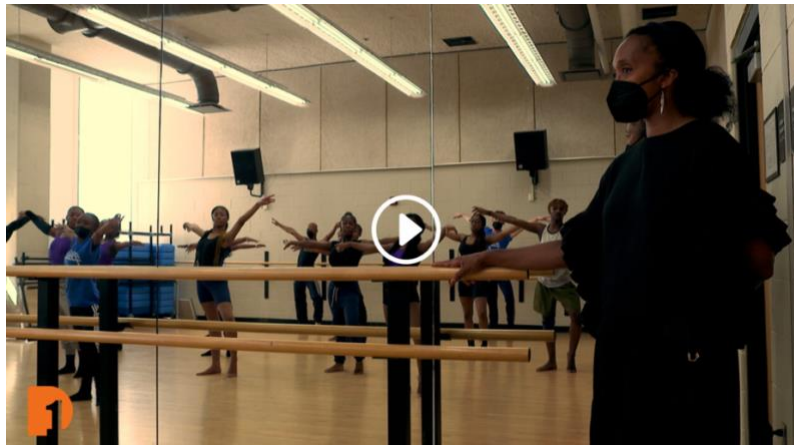


Ailey II leaves influential impact on community with Detroit School of Arts visit

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The world-renowned [Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater](#) has made its way to Detroit, a stop along the theater's [22-city North American tour](#). While in the city, the Ailey II division, [the theater's company of younger dancers and emerging choreographers](#), made a pit stop at the Detroit School of Arts to host a dance workshop for the students.

One Detroit contributor Daijah Moss takes viewers to the Ailey II workshop at the [Detroit School of Arts](#) for a look at the influential footprints the dancers left behind. Moss talks with Ailey II [Artistic Director Francesca Harper](#) and second-year dancer [Meagan King](#) about the importance of connecting with aspiring African American dancers and the opportunities the workshops provide to students.

Plus, Moss talks with Detroit School of Arts student Lauryn Simmons about her experiences with the Ailey II dancers. The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater [performs in Detroit March 17-19](#) at the Detroit Opera.