



Alvin Ailey's latest performances come to Atlanta under new artistic director

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As the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater opens a five-day run at the Fox Theatre, its new artistic director, Alicia Graf Mack, is carrying the torch handed to her by the late Judith Jamison — an icon in the industry.

Jamison was also a political activist and strived to provide refuge through dance.

The mission is not lost on Graf Mack, who studied under Jamison for years.

“If you think about it, there are very few places where all different types of people, from all walks of life, come into a space and enjoy something collectively,” she tells WABE’s “Morning Edition.”

“She often talked about, even if it’s just for two hours in the theater, we want you to leave your troubles, to leave politics, to leave all of that at the front door, and just come in and see beauty.”

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