

AILEY EXTENSION

AILEY EXTENSION SHAKES UP LATIN & HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION WITH 30 DAYS OF DANCE CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Explore Afro-Latin Dance with Katherine Jiménez During FREE Classes at The Whitney Museum September 18

Celebrate National Dance Day at a Heels Workshop with Luz The Odyssey September 19

Learn Tony® Award-Winning Choreography from Star of Broadway Hit *BUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB*™ September 21

Get Moving to Salsa, Samba, and More Latin Dance Styles at The Ailey Studios Seven Days a Week



NY Style Mambo with Katherine Jiménez at Ailey Extension; Afro-Cuban at Ailey Extension; Samba at Ailey Extension. All photos by Whitney Browne.

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(NEW YORK) August 25, 2026 – [Ailey Extension](#) is inviting people of all ages (16+), backgrounds, and experience levels to celebrate National Latin & Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 – October 15) with a curated collection of workshops and classes designed to expose participants to Latin cultures through dance. Whether moving to the beat of Havana drums, learning fundamental Latin dance steps, or sweating it out to cumbia and reggaeton rhythms in a cardio class; everyone is welcome to get moving with Ailey Extension’s elite instructors all month long.

On **Friday, September 18**, meet Ailey Extension at The Whitney Museum of Modern Art for a dynamic, fun-filled [Afro-Latin dance class with Katherine Jiménez](#) as part of the museum’s **Free Friday Nights**, which invites all to enjoy the museum for free and partake in special workshops including pop-up dance classes with Ailey Extension instructors.

Celebrate National Dance Day on **Saturday, September 19** at the Ailey Studios with a full slate of classes including a special **Heels Workshop with Luz The Odyssey**. This all-levels pop-up class will incorporate traditional heels technique with Vogue fem. Luz will help participants develop ankle strength and improve balance and coordination while discovering the secrets of strutting in heels with confidence.

On **Monday, September 21**, Ailey Extension is teaming up with one of Broadway’s biggest plays for a special in-studio [Buena Vista Social Club™ Broadway Dance Workshop](#) featuring choreography from the hit Broadway musical inspired by the 1950s Afro-Cuban social club scene in Havana, Cuba. **Wesley Wray**, star of the original cast who began his dance journey at [AileyCamp](#) Miami, will teach participants dance moves from the Tony® Award-winning choreography created by Patricia Delgado and Justin Peck.

Throughout the month Ailey Extension will continue to offer Latin and Latin-inspired classes seven days a week in a variety of dance and fitness styles such as salsa, Afro-Cuban, samba/Afro-Brazilian, Afro-Haitian, Cuban Modern Dance Technique, and Zumba®. Taught by renowned NYC instructors, adult classes at Ailey Extension in a welcoming, non-competitive environment.

Additional opportunities to celebrate Latin & Hispanic Heritage Month with Ailey Extension will be announced at ailey.org/workshops.

**In-Studio classes and workshops from Ailey Extension take place at
The Joan Weill Center for Dance (405 W 55th Street)
Virtual classes and workshops from Ailey Extension take place on Zoom**

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Since its inception in 2005, Ailey Extension has fulfilled Mr. Ailey's life-long commitment of "giving dance back to the people" by making dance accessible to everyone. Ailey Extension offers a wide variety of dance and fitness techniques such as Horton, ballet, contemporary, Masala Bhangra, West African, samba, jazz, Pilates, house, and hip hop. Over 135,000 people have taken classes online and in-studio at AILEY's home, The Joan Weill Center for Dance – New York's largest building dedicated to dance, where dancers of all levels and walks of life can learn and be inspired – body, mind, and spirit! For additional press materials, including photos, videos, and class descriptions, visit pressroom.alvinailey.org.