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**Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in Victoria for One Night Only**  
**An incredible program of four works that will leave you inspired**

VICTORIA, B.C. – [Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater](#) performs May 1, 2018 at 8 p.m. at the Royal Theatre for ONE NIGHT ONLY - their only tour stop in Canada – with an incredible program never before performed in Victoria.

Ailey's 32 renowned dancers will move you with a diverse collection of premieres that shine a spotlight on social issues and celebrate jazz legends Ella Fitzgerald and Dizzy Gillespie.

**Mass** showcases Artistic Director Robert Battle's signature ritualistic choreography set to a score by John Mackey, inspired by his experience seeing a choir perform Verdi's *Requiem* at Carnegie Hall.

Battle's high-energy comical dance, **Ella**, matches iconic Ella Fitzgerald's virtuosic 'Airmail Special' scatting with lightning-fast, articulated movement that will leave the audience (and the dancers) breathless.

MacArthur "Genius" Kyle Abraham's **Untitled America** shines a light on the impact of the prison system on African-American families, integrating Abraham's distinct movement style with interviews of those affected by incarceration.

**The Winter in Lisbon** by Billy Wilson is a sizzling, sensuous ballet celebrating four decades of jazz musician Dizzy Gillespie's brilliant music, creating an atmosphere in which the dancers challenge, tease and romance against a backdrop of rhythm and colour.

**Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater**

*Mass* Robert Battle

*Ella* Robert Battle

*Untitled America* Kyle Abraham

*The Winter in Lisbon* Billy Wilson

Royal Theatre | May 1, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

Pre-show Chat with Artistic Director Robert Battle: 7:20 p.m.



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**About Dance Victoria**

Now in its 21<sup>st</sup> season, Dance Victoria brings the *World's Best Dance* to the Royal Theatre and supports the development of new dance for the international stage from its studios in Quadra Village. Dance Victoria is a non-profit charitable society. [DanceVictoria.com](http://DanceVictoria.com)